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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, January 23, 2018

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Health, Human Services & Medicaid

**HB 145**

**CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT** (Huffman, S., Sprague, R.) To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency. (**REPORTED-AMENDED**; 4th Hearing -All testimony-Possible vote)

The committee voted unanimously to report the bill after accepting two amendments. The first amendment, offered by Chairman Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville), deals with the potential of a move of Medicaid long-term services and supports into managed care. That proposal was hotly debated in the budget, with the General Assembly putting a limit on the administration's plan to implement the move, and Gov. John Kasich vetoing the language. The issue was resolved when the Kasich administration announced it would not begin the move.

The amendment states that the General Assembly would have the final say in whether Medicaid can move long-term care services to managed care, said Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton).

The other amendment includes language considered but tabled in December dealing with the move of the regulation of dietitians and respiratory care providers to the State Medical Board. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 5, 2017)

**HB 286**

**PALLIATIVE CARE** (LaTourette, S.) To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care. (**CONTINUED-AMENDED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor & Possible amendments)

The committee accepted an amendment offered by Sen. Burke that adds exercise physiologists to list of experts that can be appointed to the interdisciplinary council, clarifies what non-hospice palliative care candidates may receive the service from a hospice facility, and makes technical corrections.

Sponsor Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chagrin Falls) said the bill would create an interdisciplinary council and education program to raise awareness about palliative care. Palliative care, in which a patient's quality of life is improved by reducing symptoms, pain and stress by giving them more control, is appropriate at any point in an illness, not just at the end of life.

"Palliative care is appropriate at any age and at any stage of a serious illness, but when palliative care is mentioned many people do instantly think of 'hospice care' and the

conversation stops," she said. "Because of this, palliative care is drastically and disappointingly underutilized in our state."

The council would include members from fields that work closely with palliative care recipients, and would serve as an advisory council to the Department of Health," Rep. LaTourette said. "The bill also creates an education program to inform patients and medical providers about the care."

**Sen. Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City) asked what the council's main objective would be.

The sponsor said education is important, because if people don't know about palliative care, they won't take advantage of it. The council would also be required to submit annual reports to the General Assembly.

**HB 50** **EBT CARDS** (**Schaffer, T.**) To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 110** **HEALTH CARE IDENTIFICATION** (**Tavares, C.**) To require a health care professional to wear identification when providing care or treatment in the presence of a patient. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The bill would require certain health care professionals to wear an identification card, badge or similar device, including a photograph, when providing care, sponsor **Sen. Charleta B. Tavares** (D-Columbus) said. The badge would be required to include the person's licensure status and staff position.

"Without this legislation it is all too easy for patients to confuse who is and is not a licensed health care professional," she said. "It is also very easy for unlicensed or unqualified individuals to administer care to unaware patients. The misrepresentation of the level of training held by health care professionals is dangerous and can result in the loss of a loved one's life."

The sponsor detailed the story of a patient in South Carolina who ultimately died from complications from a pain reliever after surgery and whose mother repeatedly asked for a veteran physician at the hospital to examine him, but was only met by residents.

"It is vital that health care professionals are required to wear identification of who they are and what their level of training is in order to insure the utmost level of transparency between patients and health professionals," she said.

**Sen. Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) asked the sponsor if she has checked with hospitals to see if it is already in practice.

Sen. Tavares said she didn't know how common of a practice it is, particularly in smaller hospital systems and practices.

**Sen. Edna Brown** (D-Toledo) said many people wear badges backwards, and suggested that the requirement be that the name and status be visible.

That's the intent of the bill, Sen. Tavares said, but it could be made explicit in the bill.

**SB 192** **AWARENESS WEEK** (**Tavares, C.**) To designate the last week of September as "Diaper Need Awareness Week." (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sen. Tavares said her bill would designate the final week of September as Diaper Need Awareness Week, focusing on the need by low-income families of diapers and to rally support for diaper bank programs.

"Children in low-income families are at the greatest risk of suffering the effects of diaper need because many families cannot afford diapers," she said. "Current public support programs help some, but young children have additional needs necessary to build a strong foundation for healthy growth. More awareness needs to be brought to such a critical but oftentimes overlooked necessity for Ohio families."

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is the only federal program that can cover diapers, and families are often forced to choose between diapers and other services TANF covers, such as heat, electric, rent, clothing and transportation, Sen. Tavares said.

"This bill is simply meant to bring attention to this important need and to encourage those of us with a little extra to donate to the Diaper Banks in our communities or to start them," she said.

### **Insurance & Financial Institutions**

**HB 362** **HPRS RETIREMENT (Carfagna, R., Ramos, D.)** To revise the law governing the State Highway Patrol Retirement System. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Mark Atkeson, executive director of the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System, said the bill would help the pension fund ensure continued solvency.

The bill would return the minimum retirement age to 52 for new hires after Jan. 1, 2020, calculate pension benefits for off-duty disabilities based on a minimum 12-year service benefit instead of 20 years, and eliminate the automatic 50% unfunded survivor benefit, creating a set amount of \$900, increasing annually as the board determines.

The measure would also provide no survivor benefits for those who marry after retirement.

"These changes reduce the amortization period of our unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities by several years, and when these changes are fully realized, they will have a compounding cumulative effect on reducing our unfunded liabilities," he said. "In addition, these are considered best practices and are consistent with other similar systems."

Robert Booker, president of the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, said the changes are needed to ensure the system's long-term health.

"Like with other pension systems, our system continues to face actuarial assumption changes that have not been seen before," he said. "Probably, the most significant change was the reduction of the investment assumed rate of return. These assumption changes increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities of a pension system. The legislative changes the HPRS board has approved are necessary and will decrease the amortization period of the system's unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities by several years, thus improving its solvency."

In written testimony, HPRS Board member Matt Them voiced support for the proposal.

"I realize no one wants to see any change in benefits, myself included, but this legislation is in the best interest of the retirement system and its long-term solvency," he said. "Thus, in the long-run, a solvent and well-funded system will benefit all of us individually."



Chairman Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) said he hopes to vote the bill out of the committee next week.

**SB 227** **HEALTH PLAN CLAIMS** (Huffman, M.) To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders. (**CONTINUED** (See separate story); 3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

#### **Government Oversight & Reform**

**SJR 5** **CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING** (Huffman, M.) To establish a process for congressional redistricting. (**CONTINUED** (See separate story); 1st Hearing-All testimony)

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## Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, January 24

### Legislative Committees

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

**HB 191** **NURSE ANESTHETISTS** (Gonzales, A.) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists. (3rd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

**HB 24** **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS** (Ginter, T.) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501C(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 292** **OHIO RESIDENCY** (Scherer, G.) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 226** **TAX HOLIDAY** (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

**SJR 5** **CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING** (Huffman, M.) To establish a process for congressional redistricting. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

- **Presentation by Ohio State Highway Patrol Lt. Steven M. Click on the Ohio ASSIST (Aiding Safety Services with Incident Survival Techniques) Program**

**HB 459** **WORKERS' COMPENSATION** (Henne, M.) To allow groups of employers to be granted status as a self-insuring employer for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 416** **HEALTH SERVICE PRICES** (Huffman, S.) Regarding the provision of cost estimates for scheduled health care services and health care services requiring insurer preauthorization. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 10 a.m.

- HB 293** **DRIVER'S LICENSES** (Scherer, G., Sheehy, M.) To require a person to hold a temporary instruction permit for one year before obtaining a probationary driver's license and to alter the time periods during which the holder of a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle without being accompanied by a parent or guardian. (3rd Hearing-Proponent & opponent-Possible substitute)
- HB 350** **ROAD NAMING** (Craig, H.) To designate a portion of State Route 317 in Franklin County as the "Patrolman Dane L. Rowe Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 421** **VEHICLE TITLES** (Patterson, J., Becker, J.) To provide that when a certificate of title is issued for a motor vehicle, the owner may request that the certificate indicate that the motor vehicle is a replica vehicle. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 20** **VEHICLE CRASHES** (Schaffer, T.) To urge Congress to encourage the Administrator of the FMCSA to change the crash indicator BASIC regulation standards to consider only crashes in which the driver was at fault for the crash. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 400** **BRIDGE NAMING** (Holmes, G.) To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of State Route 169 in Trumbull County, as the "World War I and World War II Veterans Memorial Bridge." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 401** **BRIDGE NAMING** (Holmes, G.) To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of United States Route 422 in Girard, as the "Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 388** **LICENSE PLATE** (Sykes, E., Roegner, K.) To create the "Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**House Higher Education & Workforce Development** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Duffey, M.**, 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.

- HB 58** **CURSIVE HANDWRITING** (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.) To require instruction in cursive handwriting. (6th Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 449** **SPONSOR RATINGS** (Rogers, J., Patterson, J.) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Senate Rules & Reference** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Obhof, L.**, 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

**House Rules & Reference** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Rosenberger, C.**, 466-3506), Rm. 119, 12:15 p.m.

**House Session** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Rosenberger, C.**, 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

**Senate Session** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Obhof, L.**, 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

**House Civil Justice** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Butler, J.**, 644-6008), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m.

**HB 407** **ESTATE LAW** (Dever, J., Seitz, B.) To abolish the estate by dower. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 446** **POWER OF ATTORNEY** (Rogers, J., Seitz, B.) Relative to the acceptance of an acknowledged power of attorney. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Johnson, T.**, 466-2124), Rm. 116, 2:30 p.m. or after session

**HR 318** **ARMED FORCES** (Dever, J.) To urge the President and Congress of the United States, and the Secretary of Defense, to authorize the recruitment of individuals with disabilities for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 434** **LICENSE PLATES** (Sweeney, M., Perales, R.) To create the "Army Distinguished Service Cross," the "Navy Cross," the "Air Force Cross," and the "Coast Guard Cross" license plates. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Blessing, L.**, 466-9091), Rm. 313, 2:30 p.m. or after session

- 2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony on bill from Rep. Schuring on redistricting

**HB 87** **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** (Roegner, K.) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 478** **WIRELESS SERVICES** (Smith, R., LaTourette, S.) To modify the law regarding wireless service and the placement of small cell wireless facilities in the public way. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 382** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. (10th Hearing-All testimony)

**HJR 4** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment-compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. (10th Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 462** **HOSPITAL CLOSINGS** (Schuring, K., West, T.) To require that a for-profit hospital and its affiliated health care facilities in certain counties follow specified procedures before ceasing operations or closing, and to declare an emergency. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

- HB 301** **CONSENT DECREES (Butler, J.)** To require the approval of the General Assembly for a state agency to agree to a consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement that would alter or prohibit the enforcement of a law of this state. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 223** **USED TIRES (LaRose, F.)** To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 127** **WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (LaRose, F.)** To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m. or after session**
- HB 427** **SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Young, R.)** To require the Department of Health to publish monthly drug overdose death information for each county, to create grant programs to support faith-based substance abuse services, to authorize an income tax deduction for physicians providing such services for free, and to allocate funds and make an appropriation for the grant programs. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)
- HB 366** **CHILD SUPPORT (Gavarone, T.)** To make changes to the laws governing child support. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 3:30 p.m. or after session**
- HB 253** **CONCEALED WEAPONS (Householder, L., Lanese, L.)** To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m. or after session**
- HB 415** **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (Greenspan, D., Ryan, S.)** To allocate one-half of any surplus revenue to a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund, from which money will be distributed directly to local governments to fund road improvements. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 169** **HEALTH INSURANCE (Merrin, D.)** To require, with respect to insurance contracted for or provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to pay the same percentage of the premium for vision, dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health insurance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 298** **SICK DAYS (Merrin, D.)** To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 314** **SAFETY TAX CREDIT (Schaffer, T.)** To allow an income tax credit for law enforcement officials who purchase safety or protective items to be used in the course of official law enforcement activities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 453** **CHARTER HOSPITALS (Greenspan, D.)** To require that all rights and interests in discoveries, inventions, or patents made by employees using charter county hospital facilities are the property of that charter county hospital. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 454** **CEMETERY LOTS (Patterson, J., Arndt, S.)** To require a township to compensate the owner of certain unused cemetery lots and rights which the township reenters after lack of response from the owner. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 299** **DRUG USE (Young, R., Ginter, T.)** To recognize the efforts and successes of the faith-based community in supporting and assisting individuals who are suffering from opioid and other drug abuse and addiction. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SCR 15** **YEAR DESIGNATION (O'Brien, S., Wilson, S.)** To designate 2018 as 'Ohio's Year of the Trails.' (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

## Agency Calendar

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Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 1:30 p.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

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Ohio Oil and Gas Association and Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund news conference call on orphan-well legislation, 9:30 a.m.

Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Study Committee, Rm. 1960, 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) and Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) and Ohio Pharmacists' Association news conference on prescription drug legislation, Press Briefing Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 11:30 a.m.

Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) & Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$5,000, Sponsor: \$2,500, Host: \$1,000, Guest: \$500 to Friends of Ryan Smith and Friends of Dave Greenspan RSVP required to Taylor at 740.395.7656 or Taylor@smithforohio.com)

Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Janine Boyd. RSVP with Jenna Gravalis at 551-427-9895 or jgravalis@ohiodems.org)

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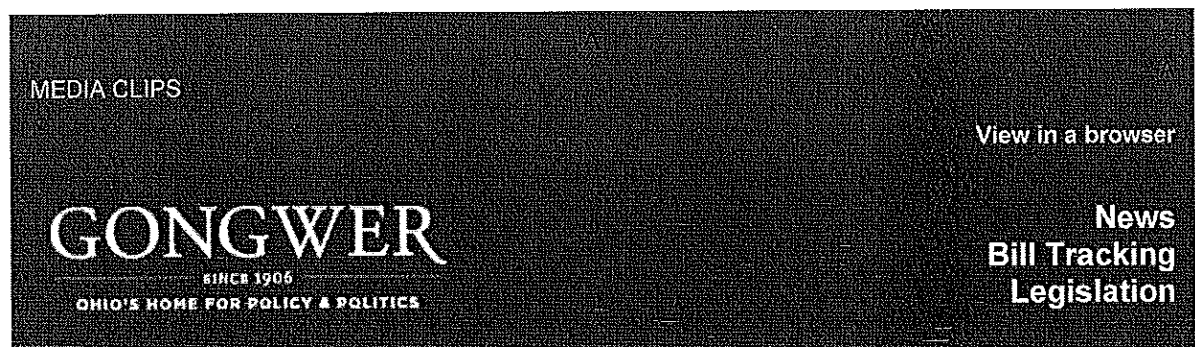
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Lawmakers argue ECOT closing preventable (Toledo Blade, 1/24/2018)

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### **STATE MIGHT SEEK \$19M MORE BACK FROM CLOSED CHARTER E-SCHOOL**

The giant Ohio online charter school that abruptly closed mid-school-year lost another round of its multifaceted battle with the state over funding but said Tuesday that it's still fighting to reopen, even as many of its 12,000 students are looking for new schools.

### **LAWYERS: JURIES, NOT JUDGES, SHOULD IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCES**

Ohio's capital punishment law is unconstitutional because judges, not juries, impose death sentences in contrast to the 6th Amendment right to a jury trial, lawyers for a convicted killer argued before the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.

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### **DEMOCRATS TUSSLE OVER ECOT CAMPAIGN MONEY, BUT GOP GOT FAR MORE**

As Ohio's big bet on a big online charter school fizzles, candidates are pointing fingers over the \$2.1 million in campaign money the school's operator has doled out during the past two decades.

### **COLUMBUS LAWMAKER'S PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN OHIO**

Lisa Vigil Schattinger wants terminally ill Ohioans to have the option chosen by her stepfather, who said his piece and then made peace with impending death from bone marrow cancer.

### **GOP LAWMAKERS, CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, DEFEND ECOT; STATE SAYS SCHOOL PRIORITIZED PROFIT**

Arguing that that Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio Department of Education should have kept ECOT open through the end of the school year, a handful of Republican lawmakers Tuesday defended the school and urged changes to stop a future shutdown in the middle of the school year.

### **RIGHT-TO-WORK WOULD HELP OHIO WORKERS, GOP LAWMAKERS SAY**

A pair of Republican lawmakers said their proposal to put six right-to-work amendments on the 2020 ballot would help Ohio workers.

#### **LAWMAKERS TAKE BABY STEPS TOWARD REDISTRICTING COMPROMISE**

A whiff of progress on congressional redistricting could be permeating the Statehouse.

#### **O'NEILL TELLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO VET HIM AFTER PAYING OFF TAX LIENS**

Gubernatorial candidate William M. O'Neill is asking the Ohio Democratic Party to vet him after paying \$4,361 in past-due state income taxes.

#### **ECOT APPEALS SPONSOR'S DECISION THAT SHUT SCHOOL**

Shuttered online giant ECOT is not giving up efforts to keep the school open through the end of the school year.

#### **EX-TIBERI AIDE TO JOIN DEWINE'S STAFF**

Breann Gonzalez, a longtime aide to Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Genoa Township, is joining the staff of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

#### **EDITORIAL: OHIOANS WANT REAL REDISTRICTING REFORM**

Ohio House Republicans' proposed congressional boundary-drawing "reform" is a cynical exercise in damage control.

## **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

#### **MIAMI TWP. TRUSTEE: STATE WAGE LAW 'DISCRIMINATORY,' WASTING MILLIONS**

A Miami Twp. trustee is asking the state to pay for the costs of what he called an unfunded mandate that is "most discriminatory" and that he said wastes millions of dollars across Ohio.

#### **DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL COMING TO OHIO STATEHOUSE**

Nearly three decades after Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian pushed doctor-assisted suicide into the national spotlight, state Sen. Charleta Tavares says it's time that Ohio legalize the practice with strict safeguards in place.

#### **ECOT APPEALS IN FIGHT TO STAY OPEN; EMAILS SHOW STATE FIGHT**

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow on Tuesday announced it is appealing the decision of its sponsor, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, to close the embattled online school.

#### **OHIO LOOKING TO CHANGE BAIL SYSTEM, FOCUSING LESS ON MONEY**

The ACLU of Ohio says a plan to shift courts away from using cash-bail systems is a good start but doesn't go far enough to fix the broken system.

#### **'ON ITS LAST LEGS': WHY ELECTION BOARDS ARE SEEKING NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Voting equipment in many Ohio counties, including Butler County, is becoming obsolete as replacement parts are more difficult to obtain and software continues to age.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **'RIGHT TO WORK' COULD BE ON THE BALLOT IN OHIO WITH SUPPORT FROM LAWMAKERS**

Supporters of "right to work" legislation are taking a different route to enact changes critics say would unnecessarily weaken unions in Ohio.

### **SHOULD ECOT FOUNDER PAY MONEY BACK FASTER? STATE AUDITOR DAVE YOST SAYS YES WHILE SCHOOL FLOATS NEW PLAN**

ECOT founder William Lager and two companies he owns have paid more than \$5 million back toward the \$80 million enrollment and state aid fight the online charter school is having with the state.

### **OHIO AMONG NORTHERN STATES TO LOSE ANOTHER U.S. HOUSE SEAT AFTER NEXT CENSUS - OUT OF LINE: IMPACT 2017 AND BEYOND**

Ohio is on target to lose another congressional seat after the 2020 census, making it even more important that the state gets it right in deciding how to reform the way its congressional districts are drawn.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **IN OHIO, NO ONE WANTS GOV. JOHN KASICH'S ENDORSEMENT - INCLUDING HIS FORMER RUNNING MATE WHO HAS IT**

In the Republican primary for Ohio governor, no one apparently wants Gov. John Kasich's endorsement - including the candidate who has it.

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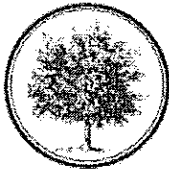
### **LAWMAKERS ARGUE ECOT CLOSING PREVENTABLE**

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West board voted Tuesday night to accept a court-supervised master to oversee the winding down of the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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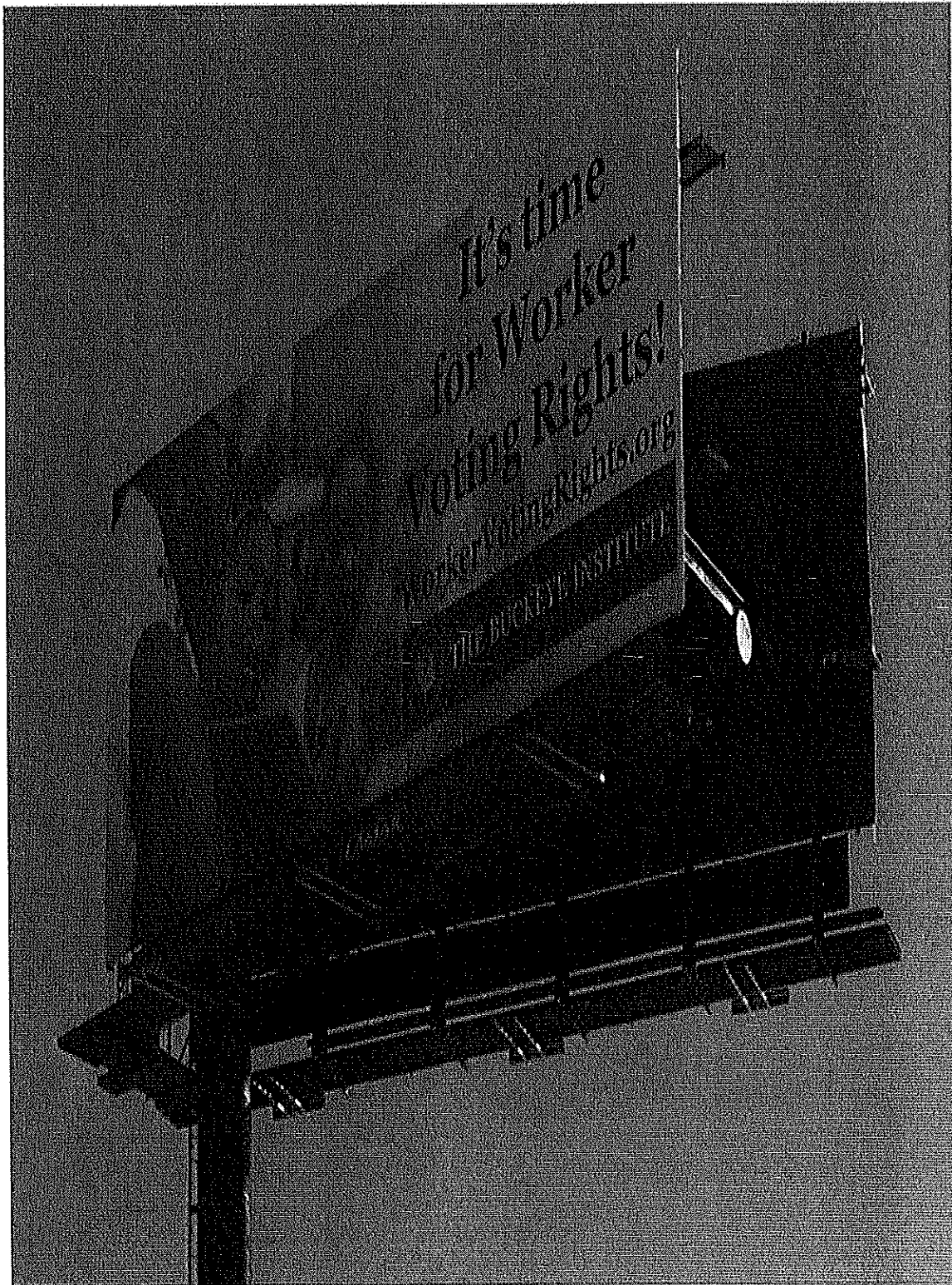
**Columbus, OH --** The Buckeye Institute recently unveiled outdoor advertisements to raise awareness of the need for **worker voting rights** for Ohio's public employees. Buckeye's worker voting rights campaign highlights the importance of giving public-sector employees a vote in choosing the union that represents them at the bargaining table, something **94 percent of union members** have never had the opportunity to do.

"Every morning, hardworking men and women go to work on our behalf—they teach our children, take care of the sick and elderly, repair our roads, and issue our drivers licenses. While these people go to work for us, far too few of them have ever had the opportunity to



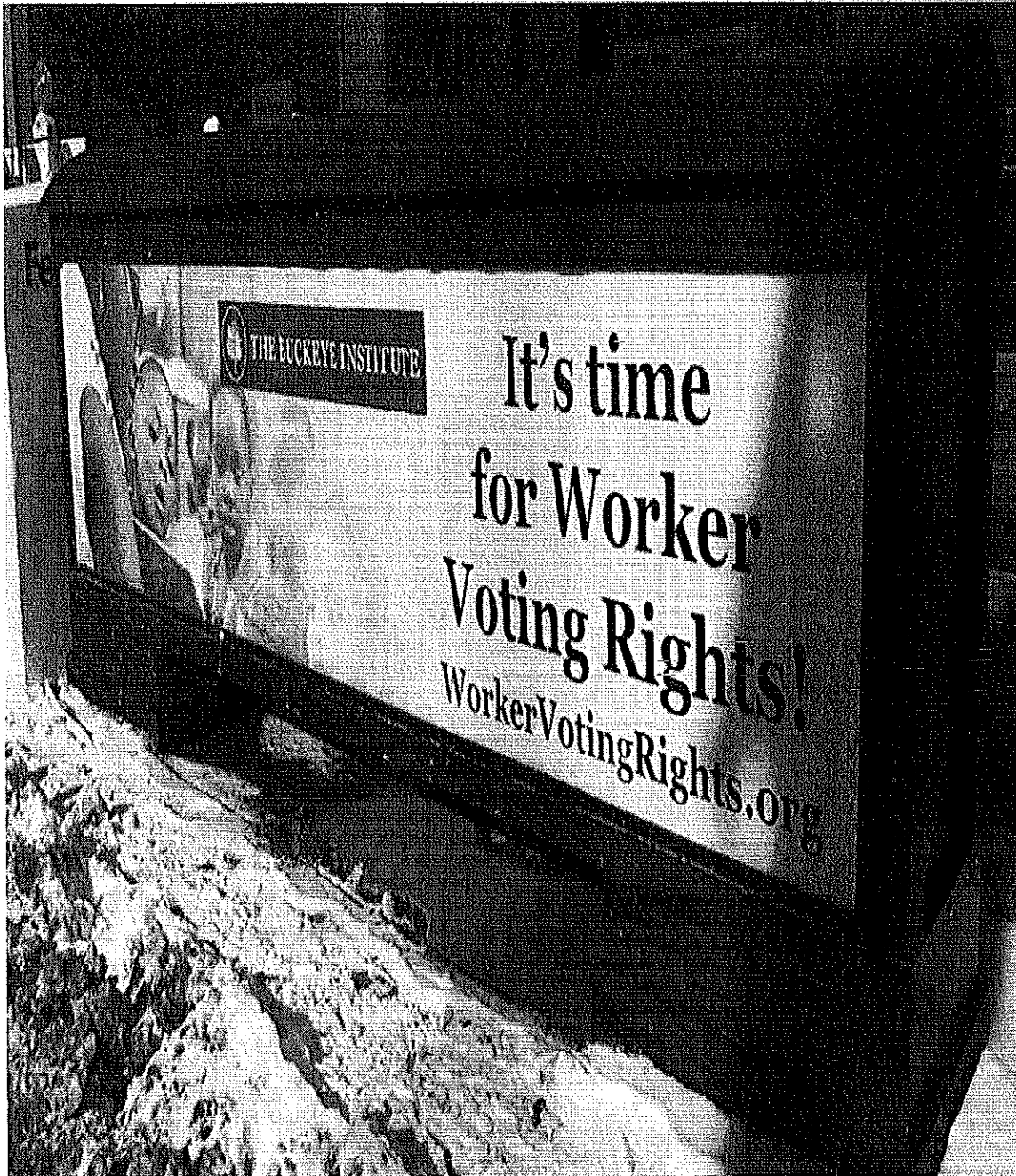
vote for the unions to which they must pay dues or fees," said **Robert Alt**, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute. "Fortunately, there is a solution-worker voting rights. Giving public employees a regular vote in choosing the union that represents them will ensure unions are accountable to the workers they serve and will restore democracy and fairness to the system."

Buckeye's outdoor advertisements are located in Columbus, Ohio and include a billboard on State Route 315 South between the Ackerman Road and Lane Avenue exits, and two newspaper rack advertisements. One at the corner of Third and East Broad streets and another at the corner of High and State streets.

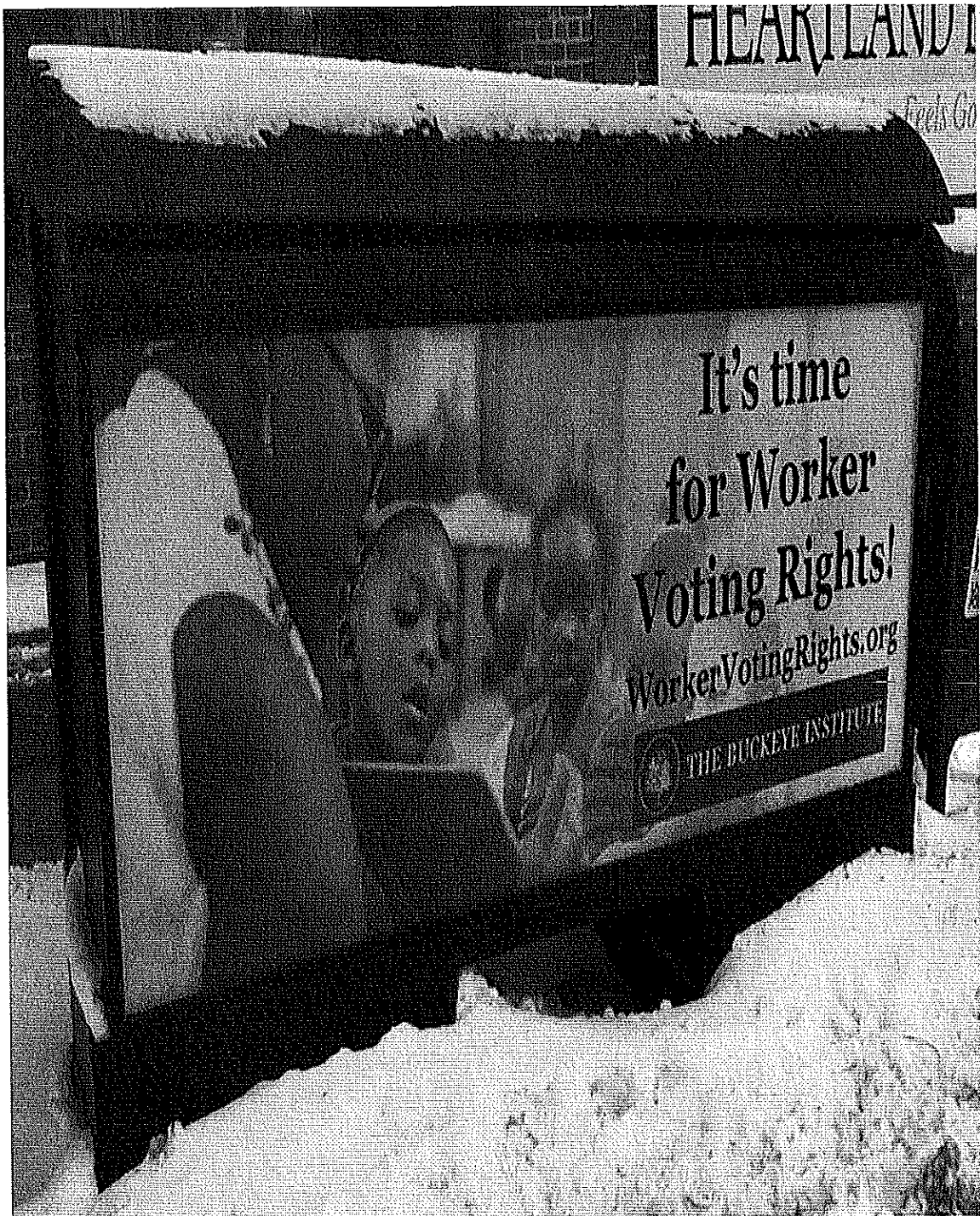


Billboard on State Route 315 South.

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Newspaper rack sign at the corner of Third and East Broad streets.



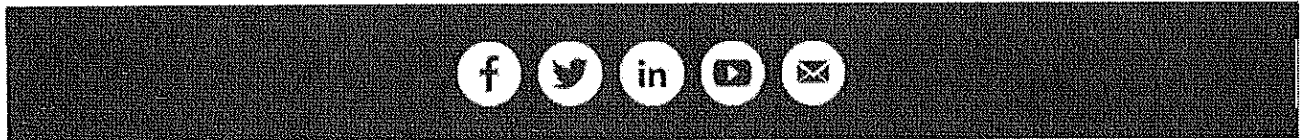
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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

1/25/2018



### **OHIO PART OF STUDY TO REDUCE CHILD WELFARE WORKERS TURNOVER**

Officials say Ohio is joining a national research project to reduce turnover among caseworkers in the child welfare field.



### **KASICH DISPUTES TAYLOR'S ASSERTION THEY HAVEN'T TALKED IN A YEAR**

The office of Ohio Gov. John Kasich, and her own appointment calendar, dispute Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor's assertion that she has not talked to the governor in more than a year.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS GOING AFTER PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS**

When Ohioans go to pharmacists for their prescriptions, they generally assume they'll be told the truth about the costs of their medicines.

### **NO REDISTRICTING VOTE WITHOUT CITIZENS COALITION SUPPORT, SENATE PRESIDENT SAYS**

Unless a citizens coalition agrees with a legislative plan to revamp Ohio's congressional redistricting process, Senate President Larry Obhof said the Senate won't vote on the measure.

### **CLINTONVILLE ARCHITECT BECOMES LATEST TO RUN FOR TIBERI'S OLD SEAT**

Yet another Republican has entered the race to replace Rep. Pat Tiberi.

### **CORDRAY WANTS TO BRING FIGHT FOR CONSUMERS TO OHIO**

Richard Cordray just finished a five-year stint running the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but on Wednesday he said he is starting his fight for consumers in Ohio.

### **STATE LAWMAKERS VOTE TO REGULATE 'E-BIKES'**

Ohio is one of just 20 states that doesn't regulate electric bicycles, but that might be changing with new legislation.

**Dayton Daily News**  
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### **NEW BILL CALLS FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY IN DRUG PRICES**

A consumer protection bill introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives this week aims to increase transparency in prescription drug pricing.

### **RIDING A SKATEBOARD WHILE HOLDING A CAR COULD BECOME ILLEGAL IN OHIO**

Grabbing the bumper or side of a moving car and hitching a ride while on a skateboard is not specifically illegal in Ohio — something some state lawmakers want to change.

### **TOOL WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW THE MONEY IN OHIO POLITICS**

If you want to know what's going on in politics, the old adage is: follow the money.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **ECOT STUDENTS RUSHING TO OTHER E-SCHOOLS BUT TRICKLING BACK TO DISTRICTS**

Students from the just-closed ECOT online charter school have started to land in school districts and other charters, but the numbers remain low and it's too early to tell how well the process is working.

### **OHIO PAC SUPPORTING OHIO WOMEN CANDIDATES RAISES \$750,000**

The Matriots, a statewide PAC supporting female candidates, started last year when a small group of Columbus-area neighbors, friends and acquaintances stood together at the Women's March on Washington and felt something big.

### **TALK IT OUT: SHOULD OHIO BECOME A 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATE?**

Republican state Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel have proposed a package of six constitutional amendments targeting how unions operate and are funded in Ohio.

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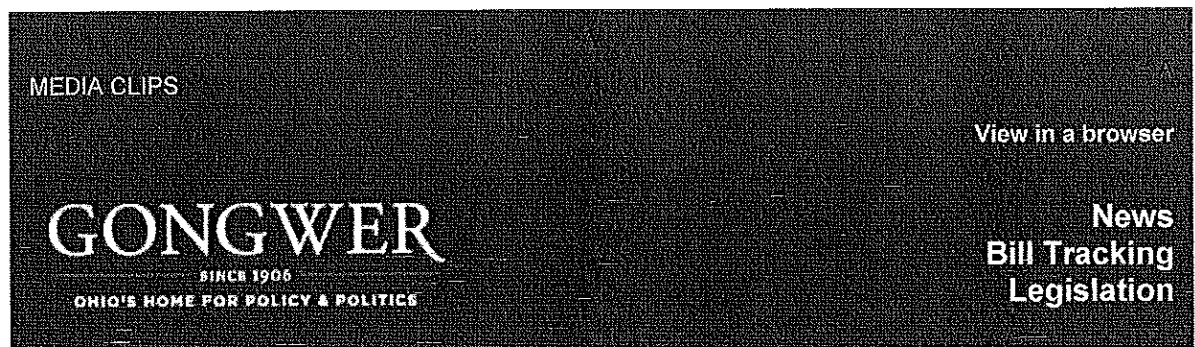
### **VOTE DELAYED ON GOP REMAP PLAN**

Senate Republicans on Wednesday delayed a vote on changes to the inherently political process by which Ohio redraws congressional districts.

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Powerful opioids are easily sold through the Internet and shipped in the mail, investigation finds (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/25/2018)

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Tool will allow the public to follow the money in Ohio politics (Dayton Daily News, 1/25/2018)

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**Subject:** INVITATION: School Based Health Care Workgroup Jan. 29

Thank you again for your commitment to improving academic achievement through better student health. I attached an agenda for our meeting on Monday (the original invitation is copied below). Your participation is critical to help us resolve these design questions:

1. Where is the greatest need?
2. What should the care delivery model look like?
3. How do we encourage partnerships?

The agenda includes a worksheet on each question (pages 12-14), which we will use to facilitate breakout sessions on Monday. Please review these pages prior to the meeting and think about which breakout you want to join.

Our goal is to complete design decisions by March. This will include delivering the tools and resources to support any district that wants to provide additional health care services to their students. In addition, we will identify the characteristics of an enhanced model to match additional resources to the greatest need.

Again, thank you for your leadership -- I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Greg Moody, Director  
Ohio Governor's Office of Health Transformation

**School Based Health Care Workgroup**

Monday, January 29, 2018

11:00am – 12:30pm

Lazarus Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

50 W. Town Street

Columbus, OH 43215

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We are pleased to reconvene the School Based Health Care Workgroup to finish the work we started in 2014. Please join us 11:00-12:30 on January 29 at the Lazarus Building (50 West Town Street, Columbus), and confirm your attendance or identify a designee from your organization here:

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The purpose of the School Based Health Care Workgroup is to improve academic achievement through better student health. The original Workgroup set a clear direction for developing partnerships between primary care practices and schools (attached). We are now in a position to build on this work and, with your assistance, launch a program later this year to help schools and primary care practices develop these partnerships.

Many of you participated in the original Workgroup, and some of you are new. We appreciate everyone's leadership on this project, and look forward to seeing you on January 29.

Best regards,

Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
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**School Based Health Care Workgroup**  
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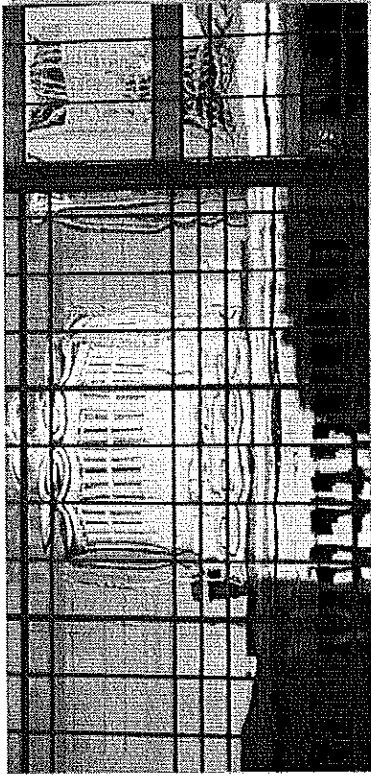
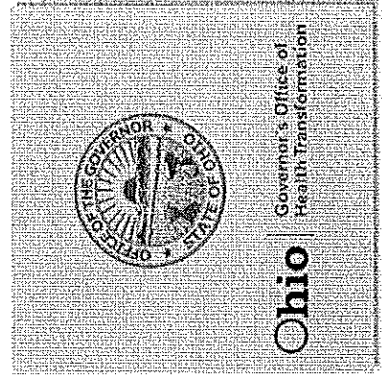
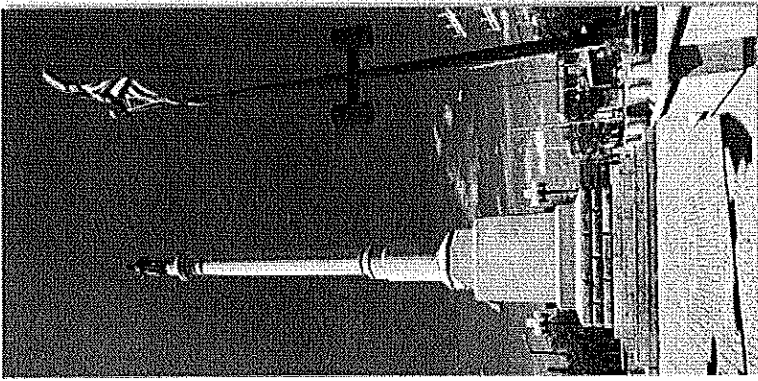
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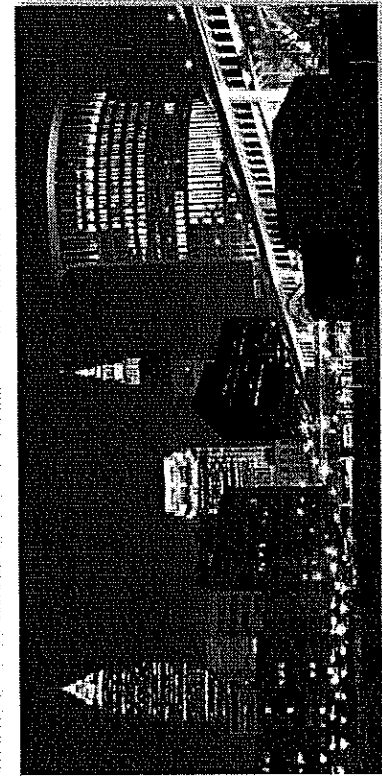
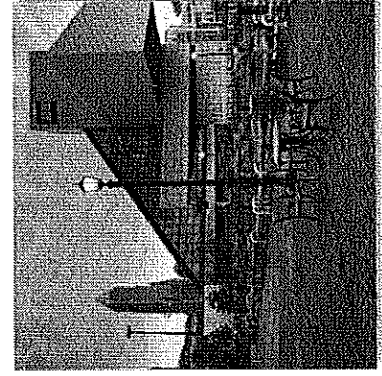
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# School-based healthcare: Working group materials

January 29, 2018



# Objectives for today's discussion

 <b>Objectives</b>	 <b>Time</b>	 <b>Facilitation</b>
<b>Share progress to date and program objectives</b> Introduction and review of past workgroup efforts Update on Medicaid reforms Update on education reforms and why 2018 is the perfect time to launch school-based health care	<b>11:00-11:25</b>	Director Moody Director Sears Superintendent DeMaria
<b>Get the group's thoughts on key design decisions</b> What are the characteristics of schools and primary care providers (PCPs) that participate? What should the care delivery model look like between schools and primary care providers? What incentives could encourage schools and primary care providers to participate? Reconvene group and share learnings from breakouts	<b>11:25-12:25</b>	ODE and ODM small group leaders
<b>Establish an engagement plan going forward</b> 2018 timeline for school-based health care rollout Operating model for upcoming workgroup sessions	<b>12:25-12:30</b>	Director Moody



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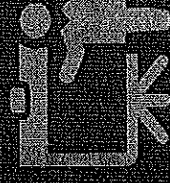
- Progress and objectives

Design choice breakouts

Ongoing engagement plan

## Introduction

### Starting the discussion in 2014

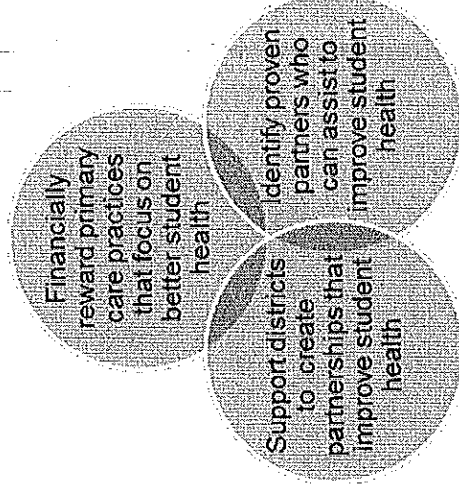


#### Our discussion

The last meeting of this workgroup in 2014 started a statewide discussion around the importance of and potential for school-based healthcare to support academic outcomes

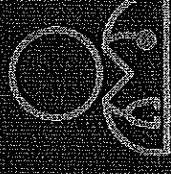
#### Our outcomes

The workgroup forged an initial view of how school-based healthcare could work, designed a framework for a school support toolkit and built a research base of successful school-based healthcare models both in and out of Ohio



Since the last workgroup discussion, Ohio has made great strides in improving the quality of healthcare

## Medicaid

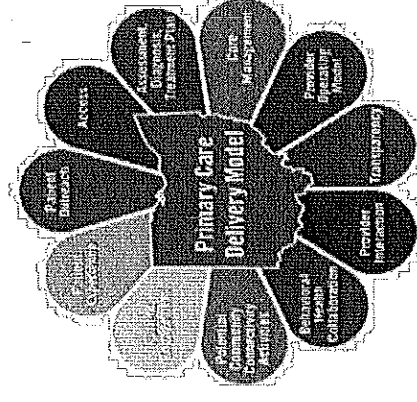


### Patient-centered medical homes

Designed Comprehensive Primary Care in collaboration with providers and payers to create a broader, more holistic version of care – now 44% of Ohioans on Medicaid are enrolled

### Transforming behavioral health care

Ohio's Behavioral Health Redesign provides members access to new services and incorporates behavioral health services into managed care



Ohio has also embraced school improvement practices focused on supporting students both in and out of the classroom

## Education



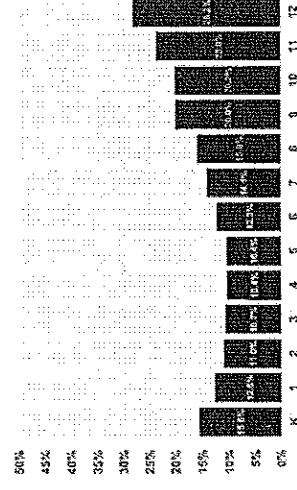
### Preventative approach to absenteeism

Ohio's school improvement efforts recognize that keeping students in the classroom and addressing basic health needs are important contributors to improved academic outcomes

### School improvement looks beyond academics

Efforts to promote school improvement have highlighted the need to address health issues as a precursor to student learning - when students' health care needs are met, their readiness for learning is enhanced

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade



Given all of the work in the past few years, 2018 is the perfect time to roll out school-based healthcare



### **There is collaboration between stakeholders**

ODE, ODM and ODH have fostered a unique partnership



### **There is urgency to act**

ODE built a school improvement planning process that places focus on academic outcomes for the students that need it most



### **The timing is right**

House Bill 410 and Ohio's ESSA submission both place a unique emphasis on schools keeping students in the classroom

The establishment of Comprehensive Primary Care incentivizes health care providers to better support the needs of Ohioans on Medicaid

Ohio could focus school-based healthcare efforts on two academic goals that other SBHC initiatives have been shown to improve

### Reduce rate of chronic absenteeism

#### They are linked to both health and academic outcomes

Students who need dental care, eyeglasses or suffer from other health issues are more likely to be chronically absent and less likely to respond to academic improvement efforts

Chronic absenteeism is associated with lower math and reading achievement outcomes, educational engagement and social engagement<sup>1</sup>

Students with emotional or behavioral disorders are more likely to be taught outside the general classroom environment and/or provided a special needs assistant<sup>2</sup>

Highest student academic outcomes are associated with placement in the least restrictive classroom environment

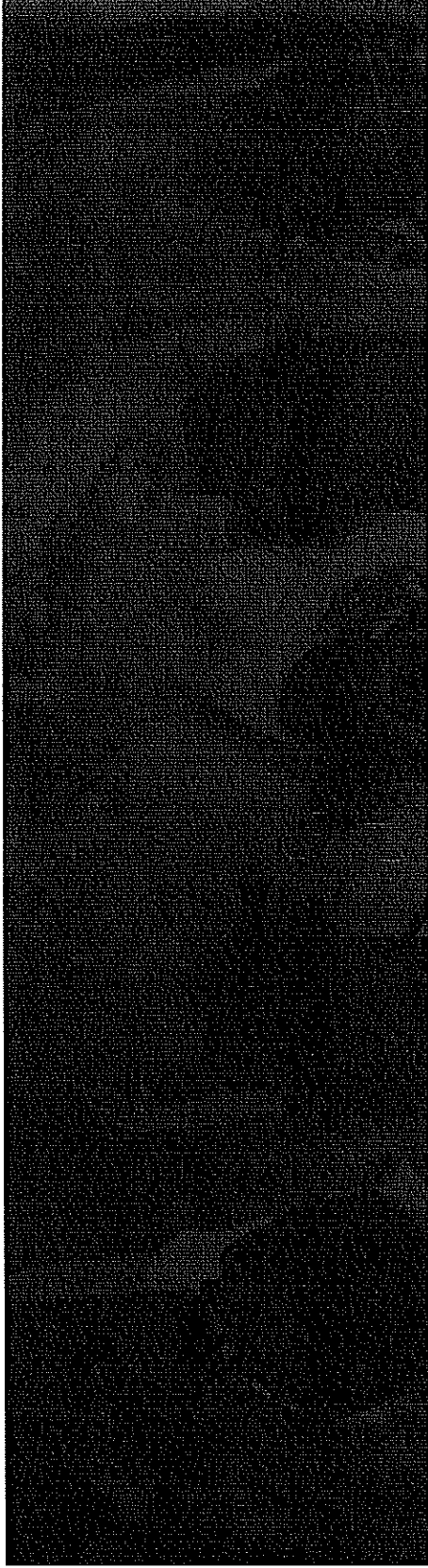
#### They can be impacted by SBHC interventions

SBHC initiatives have demonstrated a substantial effect on absenteeism (e.g. SBHC vaccination program reduced absenteeism by 63% at ~50 LA schools)

Early interventions to mitigate emotional and behavioral disorders are associated with fewer students in restrictive classroom environments and reduced system cost

<sup>1</sup> "Chronic Absenteeism and Its Effects on Students' Academic and Socioemotional Outcomes" in the Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk (JESPAR) (Nov 2014)  
<sup>2</sup> "The Education of Students with Challenging Behaviour arising from Severe Emotional Disturbance/ Behavioural Disorder" in NCSE Policy Advice Paper

## Guiding principles for the SBHC program



### The SBHC program should



- **Function as an opt-in model** for families, schools and primary care providers
- **Provide support resources to any school**, as well as enhanced support for schools that need it most
- **Remain cost neutral or lower cost** than alternative options



### The SBHC program should not

- **Require mandatory participation** of any stakeholder
- **Exclude any schools** that want to participate nor serve as a one-size fits all model
- **Add an incremental new cost** in already heavily constrained school budgets

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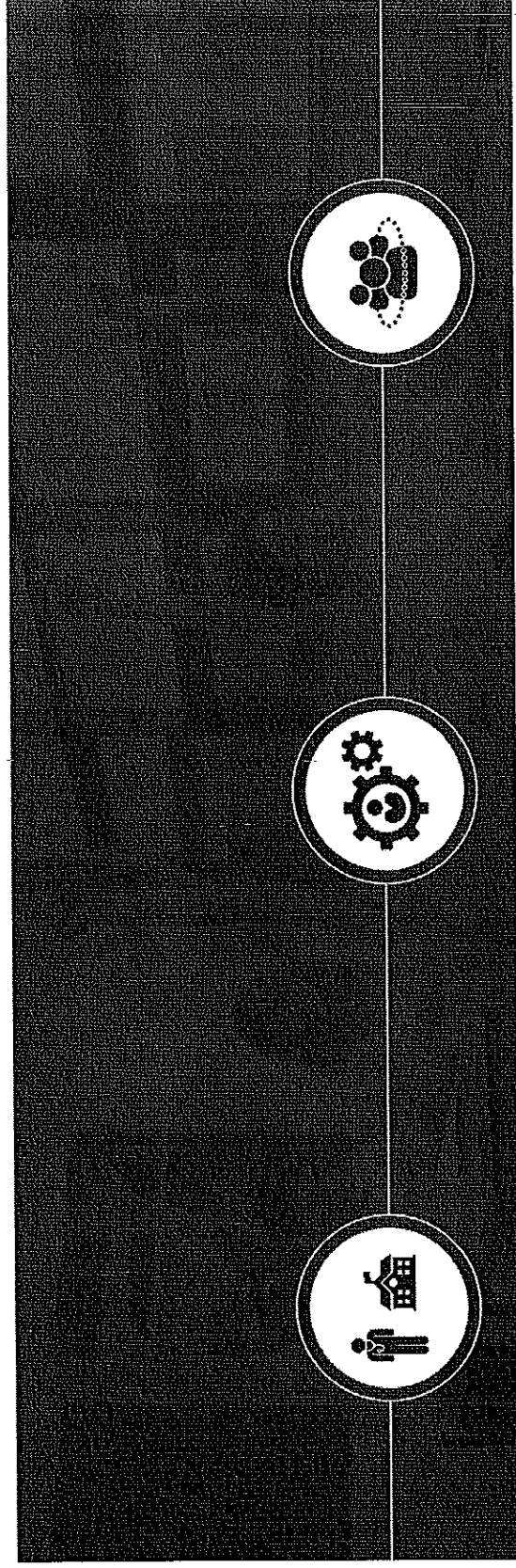
Progress and objectives

- Design choice breakdowns

Ongoing engagement plan



## Three design questions for discussion



What are the characteristics of schools and PCPs that participate at each level of the model?

What should the care delivery model look like between schools and PCPs?

What non-financial and financial incentives could encourage schools and PCPs to participate?

	A Baseline SBHC – for any school and PCP	B Enhanced SBHC – for schools with greatest need
Partner- ship eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All schools</li> <li>All PCPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target schools based on metrics including: chronic absenteeism, prevalence of specific conditions, prevalence of IEPs or 504 plans, Medicaid enrollment, etc.</li> <li>Only PCPs enrolled in Comprehensive Primary Care</li> </ul>
School activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure parental consent</li> <li>Inform parents of SBHC partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure parental consent</li> <li>Inform parents of SBHC partnership</li> <li>Facilitate PCP appointments</li> <li>Provide physical space or transport to PCP offices</li> </ul>
School support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to SBHC toolkit (includes parental consent forms, data-sharing agreements, etc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to SBHC Toolkit</li> <li>Potentially increased Medicaid Schools Program funding</li> <li>Potential direct technical assistance</li> </ul>
PCP activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserve slots for SBHC appointments</li> <li>Share academically relevant diagnoses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserve slots for SBHC appointments</li> <li>Share academically relevant diagnoses</li> <li>Potentially set up satellite clinic at schools</li> </ul>
PCP support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional Medicaid payments (plus additional payments for PCPs enrolled in the Ohio Comprehensive Primary Care program)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Primary Care program benefits</li> <li>Potentially increased per member per month (PMPM) payments</li> <li>Possible non-financial incentives</li> </ul>

# Care delivery model: Possible partnerships between schools and PCPs require a tradeoff between ease and benefit for all involved

Potential care delivery models between PCPs and schools for Enhanced SBHC

Ease for schools Ease for PCPs Benefit to students and community

## In-school, full time

SBHC clinic provides medical support on campus during school hours

In-school, regular schedule  
SBHC PCP provides medical support on campus at designated times (e.g., weekly)

Mobile clinic, regular schedule  
SBHC PCP provides medical support at mobile clinic near campus at designated times (e.g., weekly)

Off-site, by appointment with school-provided transport  
Schools facilitate appointments and transportation for consultations at SBHC PCP offices

## Low –

Requires dedicated physical space, taking students out of class

## Low –

Requires dedicated PCP staff

## High –

Immediacy of treatment; presence strengthens SBHC partnership; could include family care

## Medium –

Requires temporary physical space, taking students out of class

## Medium –

Requires school visits

## Medium –

Students receive frequent, convenient medical care

## Medium –

Need to take students from class; need secure space; requires funding for mobile clinic

## Medium –

Requires school visits

## Medium –

Students receive frequent, convenient medical care; not conducive for behavioral health

## Low –

Need funding and capacity to facilitate appointments, manage and provide transport

## High –

No travel or changes to existing operating model

## Low –

Likely to experience limited uptake due to complex logistics outside of school hours

Questions to consider:

- 1) What kinds of schools will be most successful in each model?
- 2) What logistical challenges must be overcome in each model?
- 3) What other models could be successful (e.g. telemedicine)?
- 4) What types of health interventions can and cannot happen in each model?

# Stakeholder incentivization: SBHC can encourage schools and PCPs to participate with a mix non-financial and financial factors

## Method of incentivization

SBHC value proposition      Base-level benefits      Potential additional incentives

### Schools

- Improving both student health and academic outcomes

- Access to SBHC toolkit and technical assistance
- Title I/state funding
- Flexibility of funds

- Transparency of outcomes / recognition
- Financial support (e.g. foundations, local businesses, healthcare providers)
- Medicaid Schools Program funding
- Rent to PCPs for space
- Attendance-related funding



### PCPs

- Improving patient health and simplifying access to care

- Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) benefits
  - PMPM payments
  - Shared cost payment
- Additional patient reach

- Transparency of outcomes and recognition
- Increased PMPM payments
- CPC enrollment for non-CPC eligible providers (e.g. dentists)



### Questions to consider:

- Which incentives will most encourage PCPs to participate?
- Which incentives will most encourage schools to participate?
- What will be the key sources of financial support?
- What are other incentives not listed that should be added?

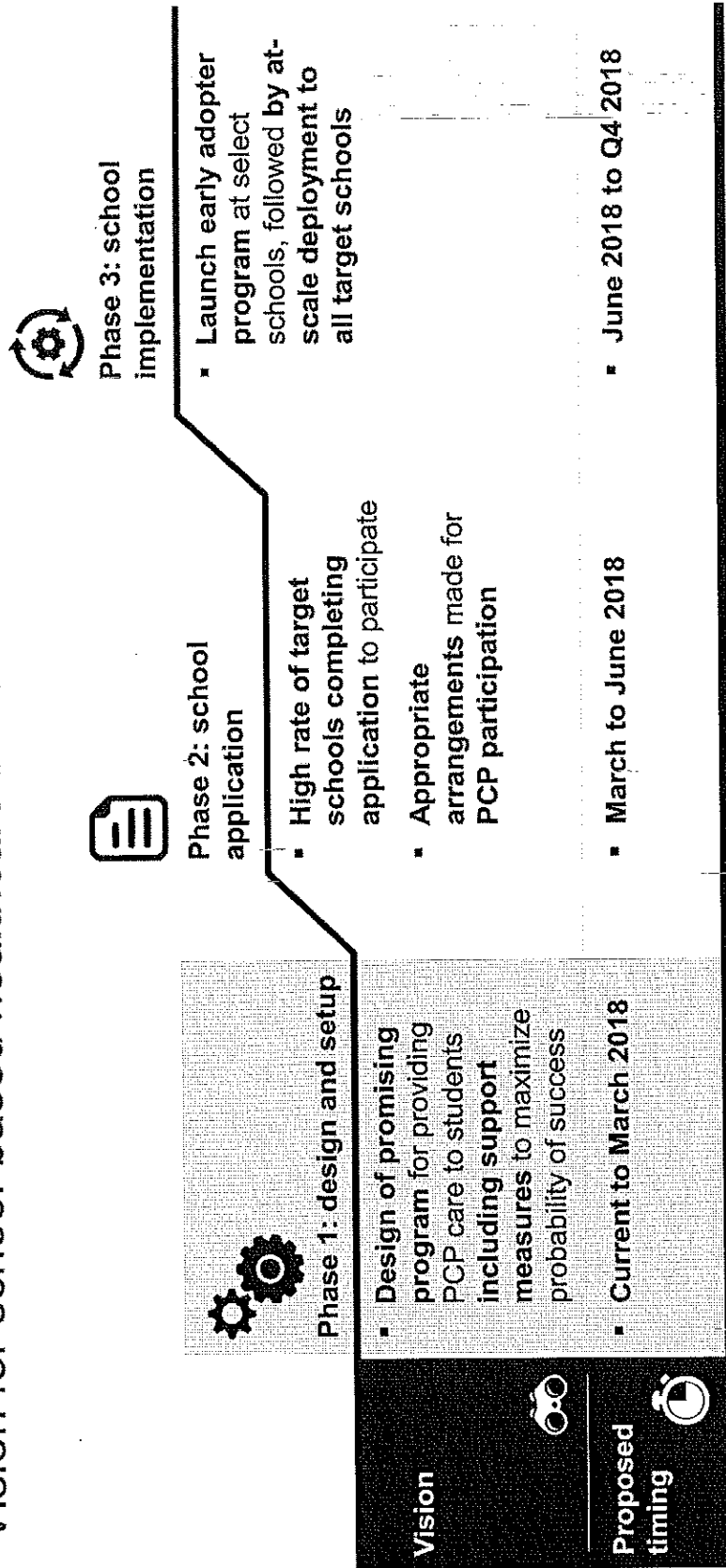
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# Vision for school-based healthcare in 2018



**Next steps with this workgroup**




- Small-group follow-up calls over the course of February as needed on specific design questions
- The whole group reconvenes on 3/14 to align on school toolkit supports, review a refined engagement plan and program narrative and preview activities for phase 2

*Preliminary pre-decisional working draft; subject to change*

## Handouts

Well-designed national school-based healthcare initiatives have shown measurable impact on academic and health outcomes

## Type of SBHC intervention outcomes

Example outcomes	
<b>Academic achievement</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Improved grades</li><li>▪ Improved test scores</li><li>▪ Increased classroom engagement</li></ul> <p>The Connecticut SBHCs found a 31% decrease in course failure among the 16K+ students that received services</p>
<b>Academic-related outcome</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lower rate of absenteeism</li><li>▪ Connection with a role model</li><li>▪ Reduced academic stress</li><li>▪ Improved community perception of school quality or safety</li></ul> <p>Students and parents in 400+ SBHC schools rated “academic expectations” and “school engagement” significantly higher than those in non-SBHC schools</p>
<b>Health outcome</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Improved vaccination rate</li><li>▪ Reduced teen pregnancy rate</li><li>▪ Improved physical health</li><li>▪ Improved family health</li></ul> <p>In ~25 San Diego schools, the nutrition intervention significantly reduced BMI among boys<sup>1</sup></p>






<sup>1</sup> San Diego M-SPAN program



# Health issues most tied to student absenteeism and relevant SBHC interventions











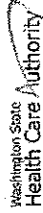

## Health issues

## Relevant statistics and description of SBHC intervention

<b>Asthma</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~10% of students nationally aged 4-14 are diagnosed with asthma and are 3X more likely to be commonly absent than their peers; this may be underdiagnosed in Ohio, as only 5% of students had an asthma Medicaid claim in 2017<sup>1</sup></li> <li>SBHCs improve asthma control by managing asthma triggers and treating asthma-related episodes</li> </ul>
<b>Oral Health</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20% of students ages 5-11 have at least one untreated decayed tooth; students in low-income communities are twice as likely to miss school for oral health reasons, with 73% missing at least 2 days<sup>2</sup></li> <li>School-based dentists identify dental issues and increase knowledge on proper dental hygiene</li> </ul>
<b>Mental / behavioral</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12% of Ohio students had a Medicaid claim for a mental or behavioral health issue in 2017, including 17% of high schoolers; 70% of US adolescents with mental or behavioral health issues do not get the care they need<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Interventions to increase awareness/reduce stigma of mental and behavioral health issues, improve access to care, and change behaviors to support positive socio-emotional growth</li> </ul>
<b>Vision</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students that participated in a free eyeglasses intervention in Florida were associated with an increased probability of passing the standardized reading test by 2.5 percentage points and the standardized math test by 3.4 percentage points<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Interventions to identify vision issues and increase access to vision care</li> </ul>
<b>Immunizations</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An immunization intervention in Los Angeles decreased absenteeism by 63%<sup>5</sup></li> <li>SBHCs provide a provision of immunizations necessary for school attendance and/or beneficial for health outcomes (e.g., flu)</li> </ul>

1 Data from Ohio Department of Medicaid, Ohio Department of Health  
2 "Chronic Absenteeism" from the Health-Schools Campaign  
3 Data from Ohio Department of Medicaid, Ohio Department of Health, "Key Health Statistics", National Center of Inclusive Education  
4 Florida Vision Quest  
5 LA FluShot vaccination program

# PCP interventions have relied upon a few consistent public and private funding options

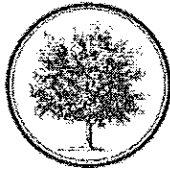
Most common funding options for SBHCs <sup>1</sup>		Examples	Sponsors include
State and federal governments		FL Vision: Free vision screenings for elementary school students, Asthma Self-Management for Adolescents	Title I Funding, New York Department of Education
		 	
Private organizations (e.g. foundations)		Elev8 Chicago primary care services, SBIRT Substance Use Prevention	The Atlantic Philanthropies, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
		 	
In-kind contributions (e.g. from school districts)		Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers, Seattle School-Based Health Centers	LEAs, local community centers, local government, local healthcare providers and payers, local education councils
		 	
Patient-care revenue (e.g. Medicaid, private insurance)		Washington State Take Charge, Rural Kentucky HPV vaccination program	Medicaid, Lake Cumberland District Health Department
		 	

<sup>1</sup> 2007 Report from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on national SBHCs

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### **Buckeye's Greg Lawson: Past Time to End Ohio's Byzantine Licensing Requirements**

**Columbus, OH** -- Greg R. Lawson, research fellow at **The Buckeye Institute**, issued the following statement on the need for occupational licensing reform in Ohio. The statement was issued as the Ohio House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee heard testimony on House Bill 289.

"Every license requirement raises a red-tape hurdle for workers to clear before earning a living or starting a new career. Every hour of unpaid training needed to satisfy bureaucratic requirements is an hour not spent earning tips, serving a customer, or opening a business.

Those are hours of lost productivity, hours of opportunity that young, low-income workers sorely need, but that the state continues to take for itself.

"This policy proposal starts an important conversation about how to rein in the red tape. Requiring policymakers to use the least restrictive regulation when it finds it necessary to displace competition is wise policy. And establishing a process that empowers legislative panels to weed through Ohio's overgrown thicket of licensing boards and uproot bureaucratic thistles will allow Ohioans to benefit from the fruits of their labor.

"Ohioans should not have to ask the state for permission to earn a living, and it is past time to end Ohio's byzantine licensing requirements."

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# GOP Week in Review

1/22/18 – 1/28/18

**Farm and Dairy: Ohio Cattlemen's Association honors family farms**

Ohio Rep. Brian Hill received the association's Industry Service Award. Hill, a longtime association member, raises beef cattle on his family farm in Muskingum County, and is currently serving his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, after serving as a county commissioner for more than six years. ... "It's easy to go to Columbus to fight on your behalf," Hill told the cattlemen Saturday night.

**Columbus Dispatch: State lawmakers vote to regulate 'e-bikes'**

House Bill 250, introduced by Rep. Tom Brinkman, a Cincinnati-area Republican, would regulate electric bicycles, also called e-bikes, and hold them to many of the same standards as normal bicycles. ... "This new technology in e-bikes will allow more Ohioans to use our wonderful trail network, longer and later in life," Brinkman said.

**Dayton Daily News: New bill calls for more transparency in drug prices**

"Action is needed to address the rising prescription drug prices to protect Ohio consumers," said state Rep. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, one of the sponsors of House Bill 479. "Prescription drug pricing in its supply chain is complex and broke and needs to be scrutinized."

**Alliance Review: State Rep. Christina Hagan shows support for emergency personnel**

"I am honored to discuss legislative matters impacting our community leaders and safety services, and to work toward solutions with the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association," said Hagan. "I'm thankful for the daily sacrifices of all our Ohio firefighters and first responders."

**WHAM: Mom pushes for change after 3 year old denied heart transplant due to Down syndrome**

Miamisburg Representative Niraj Antani (R-District 42) is a primary sponsor of the bill and said, "They're told that they won't be able to follow the post operation regimen, their body won't be able to handle it, or that its implied that their life is less worthy and that's wrong."

**Sandusky Register: State bill aims to plug orphan wells**

"As the representative of a district that is very concerned with the harmful effects of human activity on the environment ... I was proud to co-sponsor House Bill 225," Arndt said. "This legislation will help homeowners that discover abandoned orphan wells on their properties to properly address them."

**My Town NEO: Hudson boys cross country team recognized by Roegner, LaRose**

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to win a state title," Roegner said. "Our Hudson Boys Cross Country Team won the Division I State Championship through steadfast dedication. With an average 3.99 GPA, they are incredible student athletes and have earned the admiration of the state of Ohio."

**Columbus Dispatch: Ohio lawmakers going after pharmacy benefit managers**

Reps. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, and Thomas West, D-Canton, say pharmacy benefit management companies (PBMs) are issuing "gag orders" to keep pharmacists quiet about what could be cheaper medicines for their clients, and keeping the extra money for themselves — something the lawmakers hope to ban with new legislation, House Bill 479.

**WKSU: Conservative lawmakers renew their push for Ohio to become a right-to-work state**

Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel say their bill would allow voters to decide whether Ohio should be a right-to-work state for public and private sector employees and would put limits on unions to collect dues and spend money on political ads. Riedel says Ohioans should decide this issue, once and for all.

**Marion Online: Riordan McClain sworn in as State Representative of the 87th Ohio House District**

"Riordan McClain's experience in the private sector and financial management will surely prove to be a valuable asset to our caucus," said Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville). ... "I accept this appointment and will be honored to serve Ohio's 87th House District as state representative. I am appreciative of all the support that I've received through this process and look to carry that forward into a successful term representing our shared values," said McClain.

**Wilmington News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Business growth affirms healthy economy**

The eighth consecutive year the state has experienced a record number of filings, new businesses have grown more than 46 percent since 2010. This continued progress is a

sure sign of economic health — when individuals are thriving and feel comfortable, they are able to invest in establishing their own business.

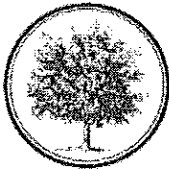
**Portsmouth Daily Times: Rep. Johnson honors 'Burg with state resolution**

Ohio State Representative Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) honored the Wheelersburg Pirates' football program for its state championship run back in the fall.

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### **As Capital Budget Season Begins, Buckeye's Newest Report Outlines Principles to Guide Government Spending**

*Recommends Using Capital Budget on Physical and Democratic Infrastructure Needs*

**Columbus, OH --** As the Ohio General Assembly prepares to consider the 2018 capital budget, **The Buckeye Institute** released its most recent report, ***Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans***. The report outlines three principles policymakers should use in spending taxpayer dollars and recommends using the 2018 capital budget to strengthen Ohio's physical and democratic infrastructure.

"As the 2018 capital budget process begins, it is important for policymakers to be guided by three spending principles: constrain the growth of state government, eliminate corporate and special interest welfare, and focus spending on the core functions of state government,"



said **Greg R. Lawson**, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute and co-author of the report. "By following these principles, Ohio policymakers will ensure they are wisely spending taxpayer dollars and are putting the state on the road to growth and prosperity."

In its report, Buckeye outlines three principles that should guide government spending:

- **Constrain the Growth of State Government** -- Large governments inhibit economic growth and prosperity and Ohio should look for ways to decrease the size of government, rather than giving it more control.
- **Eliminate Corporate and Special Interest Welfare** -- The government should not use taxpayer dollars to subsidize companies or special interests. Crony capitalism does not drive economic growth, nor is it a responsible use of taxpayer dollars.
- **Focus Spending on the Core Functions of State Government** -- Non-essential spending needs to be curtailed. Government spending limits the ability of policymakers to embrace free-market reforms that will benefit the economic growth and prosperity of Ohio.

The report's authors go on to recommend that policymakers focus state resources on physical infrastructure needs -- roads, bridges, sewer lines, water pipes, water treatment facilities, schools, and other state government facilities -- and on the state's democratic infrastructure needs -- voting machines, systems to maintain voter rolls, and systems we use to count and protect votes.

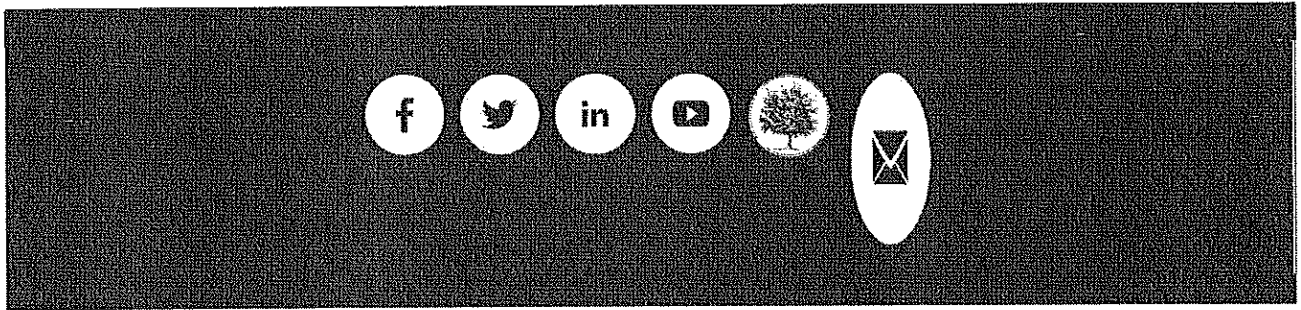
"While the specific ways in which we build and maintain Ohio's infrastructure are subject to debate, what isn't debatable is what taxpayer dollars should be spent on," said **Quinn Beeson**, an economic policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute's **Economic Research Center** and co-author of the report. "Ohio's policymakers should use the capital budget on physical and democratic infrastructure rather than feel-good projects that could, and should, be funded through private means."

*Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans* was co-authored by Greg R. Lawson, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute and Quinn Beeson, an economic policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center.

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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Janine Boyd and Representative Kristin Boggs  
**DATE:** February 5, 2018  
**RE:** Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

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We will soon introduce legislation to create the Ohio Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Today we chose to send this co-sponsor request as this date marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act). This legislation will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. So far five states—California, New Jersey, New York, Hawaii and Rhode Island offer some sort of paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a

claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

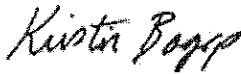
An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Dominic Paretti, at 614-644-5079 or via email at [Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov) and Serena Finlay, 614-466-1896 or via email at [Serena.Finlay@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Serena.Finlay@OhioHouse.Gov). **The deadline to co-sponsor is Friday, March 9 at 4:00pm.**



**Janine Boyd**  
State Representative, Ohio House District 09

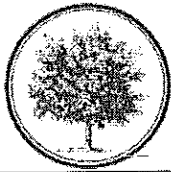


**Kristin Boggs**  
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In a piece for *The Columbus Dispatch*, Buckeye's Daniel J. Dew calls out suspect polling being used by the American Bail Coalition to claim that people oppose bail reform.

**Reputable polling**, conducted and released using professional industry standards, shows 85 percent of people favor replacing cash bail with supervised release.

# The Columbus Dispatch

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**Ohioans really support bail reform**

*The Columbus Dispatch*  
Letter to the Editor  
February 4, 2018

In his Jan. 26 op-ed, Jeffrey J. Clayton, executive director of the American Bail Coalition, touted a poll that claims Ohioans reject bail reform. Unfortunately, the poll's sample size of 100 people more closely resembled a "Family Feud" survey than a scientific study. At a minimum, the coalition should release the questions asked, the margin of error and whether the poll meets standards recommended by the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Just last month, a national poll using industry standards found that 85 percent of people favored replacing cash bail with supervised release, especially in cases where the defendant does not pose a threat to society.

The outcomes from jurisdictions that have moved away from money bail and are using verified risk-assessment tools speak for themselves. In those jurisdictions, less crime is being committed by those awaiting trial, more defendants are showing up for court and defendants who enjoy the presumption of innocence can keep their jobs and support their families.

Whether the goal is public-safety, fairness for the poor or saving taxpayer money, "the survey says" ... reform bail.

Daniel J. Dew  
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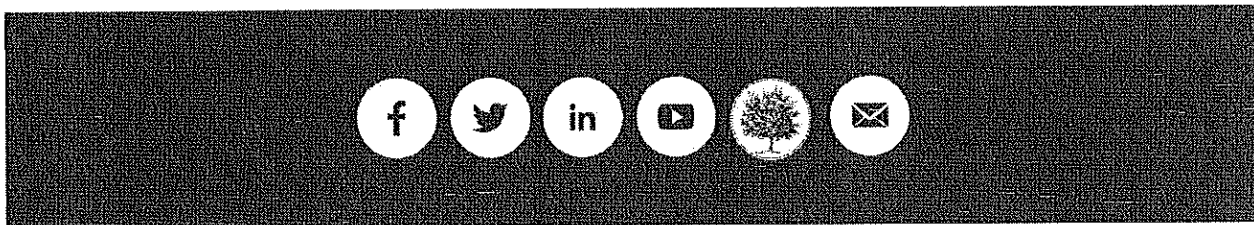
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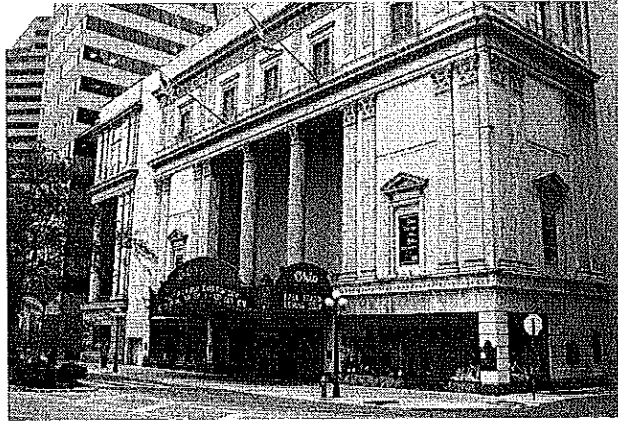
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**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

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Come meet with more than 50 business and civic leaders from the Youngstown-Warren area in a fun, informal setting to learn about the region's policy priorities and initiatives.

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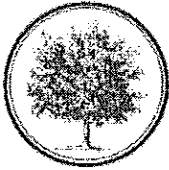
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### **The Buckeye Institute Calls for the Protection of Taxpayers and Free Speech**

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**Columbus, OH -- The Buckeye Institute** has joined a coalition of more than 100 organizations calling on Congress to protect taxpayers and their First Amendment rights to confidentially give to charitable organizations without the fear of intimidation (**Read the letter here**).

"Sadly, Americans have been intimidated, harassed, and even threatened for their political and religious beliefs, which should never happen in this country," said **Robert Alt**, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute. "Americans have a First Amendment right to join, support, and speak collectively through organizations without

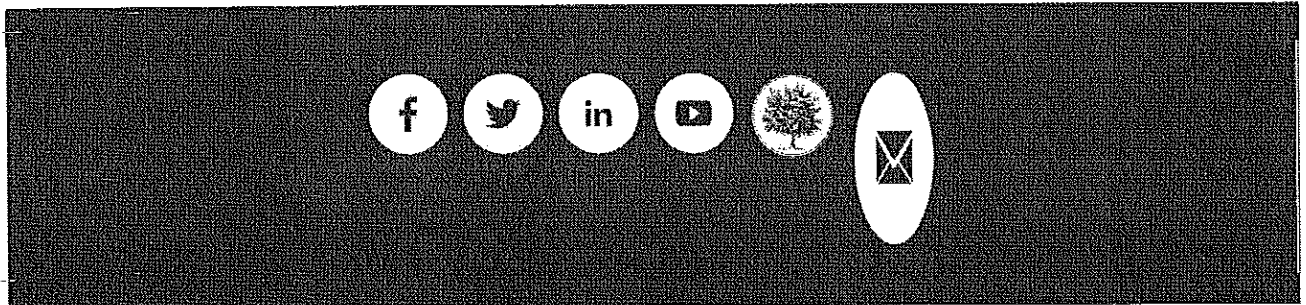
being put on a government list that is vulnerable to hackers and leaking to extremists who refuse to tolerate opposing views."

The coalition **sent a letter to Congress** calling for the elimination of the 990 Schedule B form requirement for 501(c) organizations, which is a mandatory IRS form that lists names and addresses of donors who give to private charities and other 501(c) organizations. Although the IRS is legally prohibited from using the information collected, the retention of this information, as the letter highlights, has resulted in intimidation and harassment of donors.

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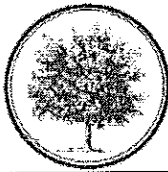
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By now you've seen our **outdoor ads** and read about our **Worker Voting Rights** campaign to empower public employees with the voting rights they deserve.

Yesterday, Robert Alt, our president and CEO, had a **piece published in *The Hill*** arguing that it is time to give public employees the right to vote on the union that represents them at the bargaining table. Robert writes,

"But without a vote through which members can choose their own union, today's public-sector employees are rendered mute and unable to have a meaningful opportunity to select a new union or hold their current union accountable if it fails to meet expectations or protect its workers' interests."

It is hard to be opposed to giving people the right to vote, but unfortunately entrenched interests insist that our hard-working civil servants "simply wear the hand-me-down unions that their foremothers and fathers passed down from the Johnson and Carter years."

As Robert writes, "It is time for unions to embrace their democratic heritage and support their own members' right to vote. It is time for all of us to join together to create more

perfect unions. It is time for public employees to have a voice and a choice. It is time for worker voting rights."

# THE HILL

## Hand-me-down unions don't work for current workers

*The Hill*

By Robert Alt

February 8, 2018

*This opinion piece appeared in The Hill, you can [read the full piece here](#).*

The recent issue over a potential federal government shutdown reminded us that Americans rely on our public employees to provide and maintain important services across the country.

Federal, state, local or public-sector employees are too often represented by hand-me-down labor unions that current workers inherited from government employees of a bygone era.

Historically, labor unions have played a significant role in fighting for both workers' rights and fair representation at the bargaining table.

Labor unions laid the foundation for the democratic rights of marginalized minorities when black workers formed the Colored National Labor Union in 1869, 14 months before blacks secured the right to vote.

Thirty-five years later, the American Women's Trade Union launched a successful campaign for women's suffrage. Those bottom-up victories stand in stark contrast to today's top-down operation of unions that are now denying their own members the right to vote.

Unfortunately, union leaders who once fought so hard for democratic rights and representation have refused to recognize voting rights for their own members.

Rather than allow today's union members to have a real voice and a choice, entrenched labor leaders insist that these public-sector employees simply wear the hand-me-down unions that their foremothers and fathers passed down from the Johnson and Carter years.

In fact, **94 percent of current union members have never had the opportunity to vote** for which union will negotiate their pay, benefits, hours, and working conditions on their behalf.

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We invite you to participate in a February 14 conference call and WebEx to review (1) how Ohio's comprehensive primary care program and school improvement planning process support school based health care, (2) a proposed timeline for launching the school based health care initiative, and (3) a preliminary approach to determine whether a school should receive enhanced support.

Everyone is welcome to join the call (details below). The goal is to provide deeper background and keep everyone apprised of our current thinking so we can hit the ground running at our next in-person meeting (March 14).

Thank you,

Paolo DeMaria  
Greg Moody

**School Based Health Care Call**  
Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
2:00pm – 3:00pm

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Thank you for participating in the school-based health care workgroup. We wanted to follow up with a few next steps:

- 1. Please plan to attend the next session with the whole group on March 14.** We will discuss school toolkit supports, review a refined model, discuss the engagement plan, and preview activities for the next several months.
- 2. Prior to the next meeting, please share any input regarding the breakout sessions or other expertise that would help refine the model.** We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone with ideas on the key features of successful school-based health care models and/or features that could improve those models. Send your input to Matt Karlan ([matt\\_karlan@mckinsey.com](mailto:matt_karlan@mckinsey.com)).
- 3. Please consider participating in two conference calls to go into more detail on specific model design topics.** You are welcome to participate in both and encouraged to participate in at least one of the following:  
  
2/14 – 2-3 PM EST — Determining the schools that would benefit most from enhanced support and helping schools find the right care delivery model based on their needs  
2/28 – 10-11 AM EST — Building support tools that will help simplify implementation of school-based healthcare for schools and providers

*(You will receive additional information about how to participate in a follow-up email.)*

Thank you again for your leadership and do not hesitate to reach out with any suggestions or questions.

Best,

Paolo DeMaria and Greg Moody

**School Based Health Care Workgroup**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10:00am – 11:30am

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Policy Matters calls for the policymakers to protect workers' right to organize, as well as strengthen the public sector, raise the minimum wage, restore the 40-hour work week, fix Ohio's broken unemployment compensation system and more.

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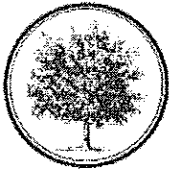
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### **New Buckeye Institute Policy Brief Highlights the Problems with Government-Owned Broadband Networks**

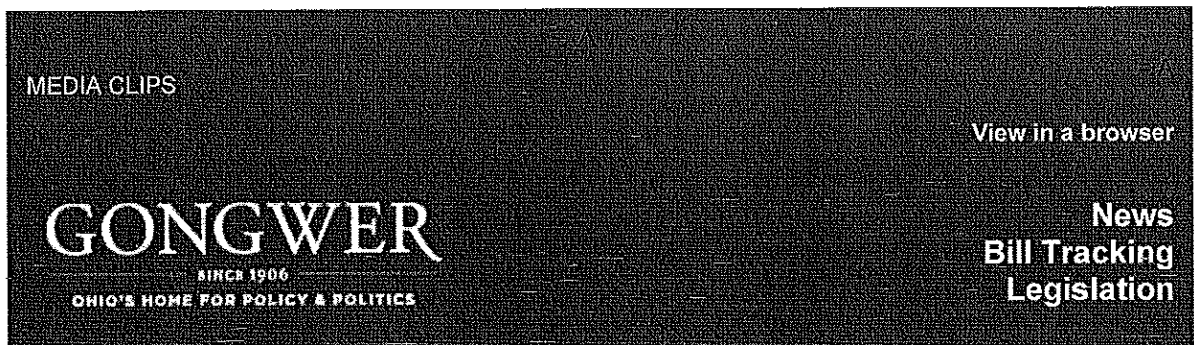
**Columbus, OH --** In The Buckeye Institute's most recent policy brief, *Broadband "GON" Wrong: Remembering Why Government-Owned Broadband Networks Are Bad for Taxpayers*, Greg R. Lawson looks at the problems with government-owned and run networks and their high cost to taxpayers.

"Government-owned networks have been springing up across the nation for years and Ohio is no stranger to these government-owned and controlled projects that unfairly compete with the private sector," said **Greg R. Lawson**, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute. "While these GONs might seem alluring, they frequently fail to live up to the promises

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Portman 'shocked' ex-aide accused of abuse (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2018)

Sole female Dem in gubernatorial race to quit (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2018)

Connie Pillich expected to drop out of the governor's race (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Lawmakers must rewrite Ohio bill to reflect new federal tax rules (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Ohio's charter school quality crackdown claims a big-city victim - the Cincinnati school district (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Skill games to be regulated by Ohio Casino Control Commission (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Chief justice to ECOT attorney: 'How is that not absurd?' (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

Kasich chosen to address graduates of Kennedy School in May (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

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**Vicious dogs: Ohio moves to change laws on dog owners (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2018)**

**ECOT asks high court to restore its funding (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2018)**

**Toledo's only abortion clinic now in time race to get transfer agreement signed (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2018)**

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### **HOSPITAL PACT MIGHT SAVE TOLEDO ABORTION CLINIC**

A hospital system has authorized a patient-transfer agreement to keep the last abortion clinic in Toledo operating.



### **PILLICH TO LEAVE RACE FOR GOVERNOR, BACK CORDRAY**

Only one of the original Democrats running for governor will still be in the race after Wednesday.

### **OHIO WANTS TO REQUIRE THOSE ON MEDICAID TO GET A JOB**

Thousands of Ohioans soon might need to find a job or lose their Medicaid health insurance.

### **KASICH CHOSEN TO ADDRESS GRADUATES OF KENNEDY SCHOOL IN MAY**

Gov. Kasich will address the 2018 graduates of the Harvard Kennedy School in May, the dean of the school said Tuesday.

### **CHIEF JUSTICE ON ECOT CLAIM FOR STATE MONEY: 'HOW IS THAT NOT ABSURD?'**

As ECOT attorney Marion Little finished his arguments for why, under the law, the online school should get full funding for students even if they only log in once a month and do no work, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor interjected.

### **KASICH POSTPONES FOREIGN TRIP TO ATTEND OFFICERS' FUNERAL IN WESTERVILLE**

Long-time Westerville resident Gov. John Kasich is postponing a foreign trade trip to attend the Friday funeral of two police officers slain in his hometown on Saturday.

### **A FIFTH OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NEED HELP TO EARN A DIPLOMA THIS YEAR**

Less than five months from graduation, one out of five Ohio high school seniors still wouldn't qualify for a diploma under more-stringent state standards — requirements that at least temporarily have been softened to avert just such a crisis.

#### **NEW REPORT FROM PRO-LABOR GROUP PANS RIGHT-TO-WORK PROPOSALS**

In the wake of proposed right-to-work amendments by Republican lawmakers, a newly released report is recommending politicians can support Ohio workers by backing off of regulating unions.

**Dayton Daily News**  
www.daytondailynews.com

#### **OHIO CONSIDERS RAISING CHILD MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DDN INVESTIGATION**

An investigation by the Dayton Daily News into child marriage is prompting state lawmakers to introduce a bill that would bump up the legal marriage age to 18 for both males and females and allow 17-year-olds to marry with court approval.

#### **VICIOUS DOGS: OHIO MOVES TO CHANGE LAWS ON DOG OWNERS**

Four years after the gruesome attack that killed Dayton resident Klonda Richey, state lawmakers are taking a double barrel approach to finally putting more teeth in the state's vicious dog laws.

#### **CINCINNATI DEMOCRAT CONNIE PILLICH EXPECTED TO LEAVE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Former state representative Connie Pillich — the last woman leading a Democratic ticket for governor — is expected to drop out of the race and endorse former attorney general Rich Cordray on Wednesday, sources close to the campaign said.

### **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **OHIO'S CHARTER SCHOOL QUALITY CRACKDOWN CLAIMS A BIG-CITY VICTIM - THE CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Ohio's push to improve charter school quality has booted a major city school district - the Cincinnati Public Schools - out of the charter school business.

#### **CONNIE PILLICH EXPECTED TO DROP OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Connie Pillich, the lone remaining Democratic woman running for governor in what was supposed to be the "year of the woman," will drop out of the race Wednesday to endorse Richard Cordray, according to two Democratic sources.

#### **ECOT FUNDING QUESTIONED BY OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES: "HOW IS IT NOT ABSURD?"**

Ohio Supreme Court justices were wary this morning of how the ECOT online charter school wants to be funded as the school and Ohio Department of Education pleaded their cases to the court.

**UNCONSCIONABLE FAILURE BY OHIO JUSTICES O'DONNELL, DEWINE TO  
RECUSE IN ECOT CASE AFTER TAKING THOUSANDS IN CAMPAIGN DOLLARS:**

**EDITORIAL**

The seven-member Ohio Supreme Court is hearing arguments this morning in a case whose outcome may kill or revive the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, the online charter school that shut down last month.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

**CONNIE PILLICH TO END GUBERNATORIAL BID; ENDORSE CORDRAY. WAS THE  
LONE FEMALE DEMOCRAT IN THE RACE**

In the so-called "year of the woman," the sole female in the Democratic race for governor will bow out to endorse former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director Richard Cordray.

**DEMOCRAT KATHY WYENANDT FILES TO RUN IN OHIO 52ND DISTRICT**

Democrat Kathy Wyenandt is challenging Republican George Lang for his Ohio House seat.

## **THE BLADE**

**ECOT ASKS HIGH COURT TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING**

Clinging to hope of reopening its virtual doors, what was once Ohio's largest online school on Tuesday urged the Ohio Supreme Court to halt state efforts to claw back tens of millions in past aid.

**PILLICH TO DROP OHIO GOVERNOR BID**

Another Democratic candidate for governor will drop out of the race Wednesday and throw her support to Richard Cordray for the party's nomination.

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As a reminder, we are hosting our first school based health care conference call today at 2:00pm. Details are listed below. Attached is the document we plan to discuss today. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

#### **School Based Health Care Call**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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We invite you to participate in a February 14 conference call and WebEx to review (1) how Ohio's comprehensive primary care program and school improvement planning process support school based health care, (2) a proposed timeline for launching the school based health care initiative, and (3) a preliminary approach to determine whether a school should receive enhanced support.

Everyone is welcome to join the call (details below). The goal is to provide deeper background and keep everyone apprised of our current thinking so we can hit the ground running at our next in-person meeting (March 14).

Thank you,

Paolo DeMaria  
Greg Moody

**School Based Health Care Call**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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Thank you for participating in the school-based health care workgroup. We wanted to follow up with a few next steps:

**1. Please plan to attend the next session with the whole group on March 14.** We will discuss school toolkit supports, review a refined model, discuss the engagement plan, and preview activities for the next several months.

**2. Prior to the next meeting, please share any input regarding the breakout sessions or other expertise that would help refine the model.** We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone with ideas on the key features of successful school-based health care models and/or features that could improve those models. Send your input to Matt Karlan ([matt\\_karlan@mckinsey.com](mailto:matt_karlan@mckinsey.com)).

**3. Please consider participating in two conference calls to go into more detail on specific model design topics.** You are welcome to participate in both and encouraged to participate in at least one of the following:

2/14 – 2-3 PM EST — Determining the schools that would benefit most from enhanced support and helping schools find the right care delivery model based on their needs

2/28 – 10-11 AM EST — Building support tools that will help simplify implementation of school-based healthcare for schools and providers

*(You will receive additional information about how to participate in a follow-up email.)*

Thank you again for your leadership and do not hesitate to reach out with any suggestions or questions.

Best,

Paolo DeMaria and Greg Moody

**School Based Health Care Workgroup**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10:00am – 11:30am

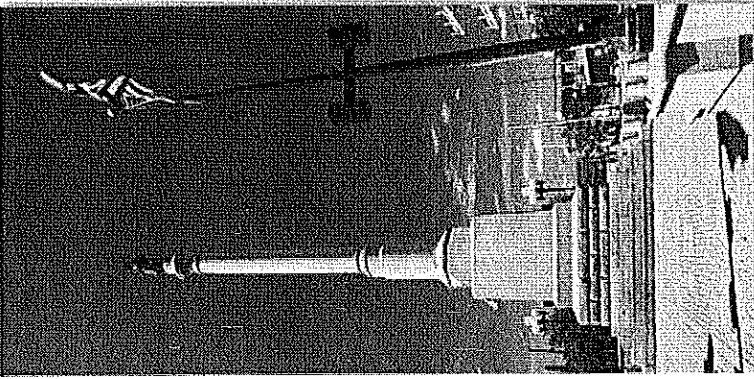
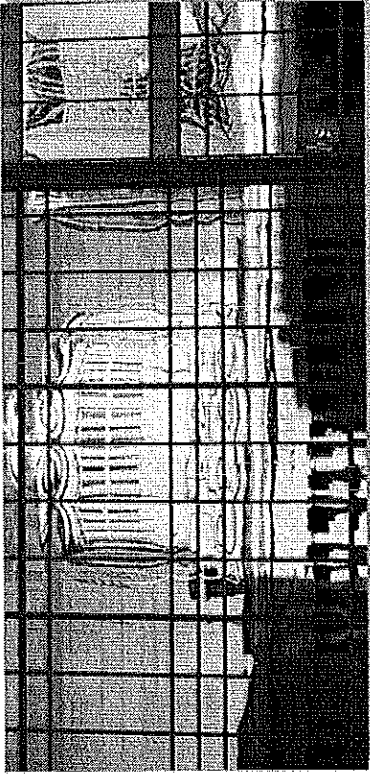
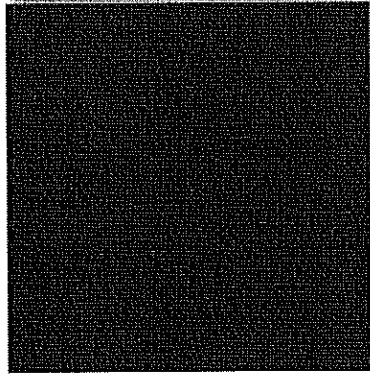
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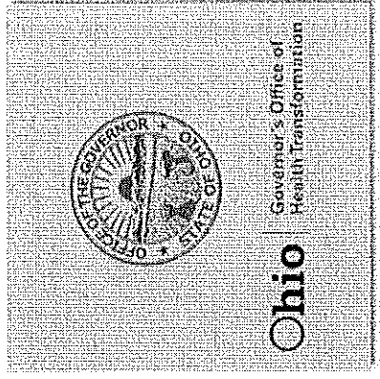
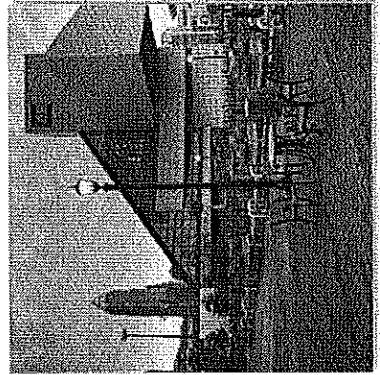
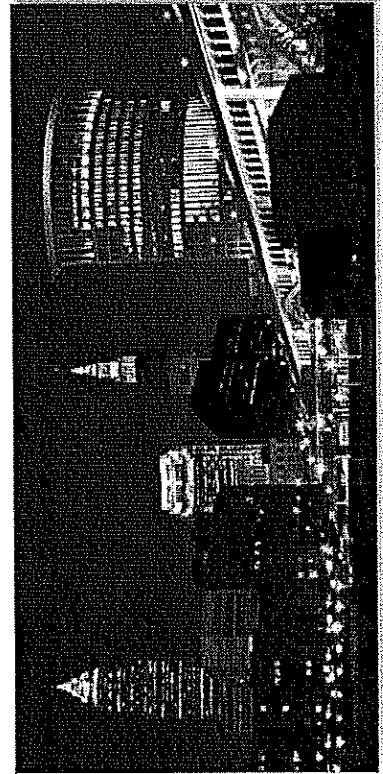
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# School-based healthcare: Engaging schools and care providers

February 14, 2018



## Objectives for today's discussion

In our workshop on January 29 we recognized there are varying levels of exposure to different education and healthcare topics. Today we aim to build shared context on:

- **Incentives:** Provide a primer on our key tools for encouraging schools and care providers to participate
  - School improvement planning process
  - Comprehensive Primary Care program
- **Targeting approach:** Share preliminary thinking on how to assess which schools are candidates for enhanced SBHC support

## School improvement planning and its role in school-based healthcare

### What it is

Schools that are in the lowest 5% in terms of statewide academic performance or have one or more targeted groups (e.g. by race, nationality) that are underperforming are mandated to complete a **school improvement plan**



### What it means

While all schools complete some improvement planning materials, the mandated schools comprise 36% of Ohio schools in 43% of districts



### How it relates to SBHC

We aim to add a school-based healthcare section to the improvement plans schools have already started on which they can “self-identify” as a fit for SBHC based on their specific needs

# Who completes an improvement plan?

Preliminary pre-decisional working draft; subject to change



The primary goal of the school improvement planning process is to create a culture of continuous improvement across Ohio schools

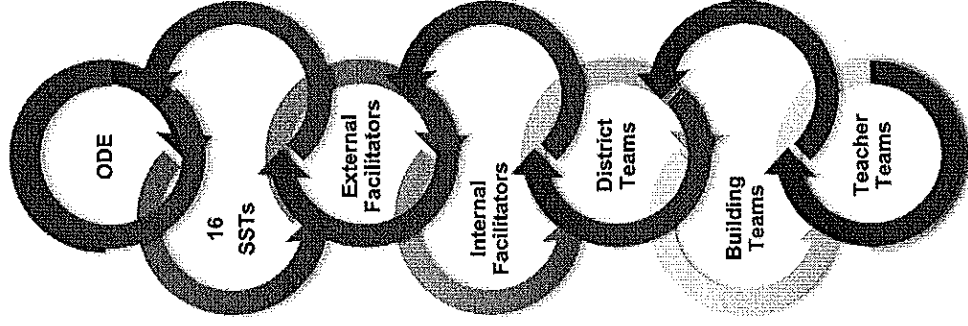
While every school completes some improvement planning, ~1300 schools are mandated to complete more rigorous materials. These schools break down as follows:	
Priority (9%)	Lowest 5% by academic performance and/or graduation rate lower than 67%
Focus (17%)	Poor rating for academic improvement measures and/or subgroup performance
Watch (74%)	Subgroup(s) that have not shown satisfactory levels of improvement
Schools that no longer meet the characteristics for their designation can be removed when the list is refreshed at the end of this school year (June 2018) – the updated group will then be activated for the next 3 years	

## What are the goals of school improvement planning?

The schools mandated to complete improvement plans have to show how they are working towards achieving the following priority goals:

- **Improving outcomes for at-risk populations** – better targeting the highest need populations through differentiated instructional methods and/or increased support, as well as using data to monitor progress
- **Increasing stakeholder engagement** – increasing involvement of family and community members as supporters to meet their plan’s objectives
- **Addressing chronic absenteeism** – improving student attendance by focusing on their school’s chief drivers of missing time in school

What support do schools receive to implement their plans?



The lowest performing schools and districts receive targeted ODE support – this can include a dedicated central team that helps school stakeholders build systems to enable and encourage measurable growth





## Comprehensive Primary Care and its role in school-based healthcare

### What it is

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a population-wide care delivery model whereby patient treatment is coordinated by a primary care team. In Ohio, qualified PCMH's receive additional payment through a **Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC)** Program



### What it means

Care providers earn financial benefits through CPC as they increase their number of attributed Medicaid-enrolled patients and minimize cost of care



### How it relates to SBHC



Providers have an incentive to participate in school-based healthcare to grow their patient base and support areas of high need (where Medicaid enrollment is typically highest)



## Ohio Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Program

- In August 2016, Governor John R. Kasich announced that beginning January 1, 2017, Ohio's largest health insurance plans, Medicaid and Medicare will reward primary care providers that do more to keep patients well and hold down the total cost of care.
- The **Ohio Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Program** allows high-performing primary care practices to earn enhanced reimbursement from Medicaid and other participating health plans.
- This program creates an unprecedented opportunity to better reward the practices that provide Ohioans the quality of care they need to increase their level of health.
- Ohio CPC launched January 1, 2017. Currently, the program has 161 practices covering over 1 million Medicaid members, including over 500,000 children, across all five Medicaid Managed Care Plans and Medicaid Fee for Service.

# Ohio Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Program Requirements and Payment Streams

-  All CPC practices qualify
-  Only practices >5000 members

Requirements	8 activity requirements	4 Efficiency measures	20 Clinical Measures	Total Cost of Care	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same-day appointments</li> <li>24/7 access to care</li> <li>Risk stratification</li> <li>Population management</li> <li>Team-based care management</li> <li>Follow up after hospital discharge</li> <li>Tracking of follow up tests and specialist referrals</li> <li>Patient experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ED visits</li> <li>Inpatient admissions for ambulatory sensitive conditions</li> <li>Generic dispensing rate of select classes</li> <li>Behavioral health related inpatient admits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical measures aligned with CMS/AHIP core standards for PCMH</li> </ul>		
	Must pass 100%	Must pass 50%	Must pass 50%		
Payment Streams	All required				
PMPM	All required				
Shared Savings	All required				Based on self-improvement & performance relative to peers

# Ohio CPC Clinical Quality Requirements

Category	Measure Name	Population	Population health priority	NQF #
Pediatric Health (4)	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life	Pediatrics		1392
	Well-Child visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th years of life	Pediatrics		1516
	Adolescent Well-Care Visit	Pediatrics		HEDIS AWC
	Weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity for children/adolescents: BMI assessment for children/adolescents	Pediatrics	Obesity, physical activity, nutrition	0024
Women's Health (5)	Timeliness of prenatal care	Adults	Infant Mortality	1517
	Live Births Weighing Less than 2,500 grams	Adults	Infant Mortality	N/A
	Postpartum care	Adults	Infant Mortality	1517
	Breast Cancer Screening	Adults	Cancer	2372
Adult Health (7)	Cervical cancer screening	Adults	Cancer	0032
	Adult BMI	Adults	Obesity	HEDIS ABA
	Controlling high blood pressure (starting in year 3)	Adults	Heart Disease	0018
	Med management for people with asthma	Both		1799
Behavioral Health (4)	Statin Therapy for patients with cardiovascular disease	Adults	Heart Disease	HEDIS SPC
	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: HgA1c poor control (>9.0%)	Adults	Diabetes	0059
	Comprehensive diabetes care: HbA1c testing	Adults	Diabetes	0057
	Comprehensive diabetes care: eye exam	Adults	Diabetes	0055
	Antidepressant medication management	Adults	Mental Health	0105
	Follow up after hospitalization for mental illness	Both	Mental Health	0576
	Preventive care and screening: tobacco use: screening and cessation intervention	Both	Substance Abuse	0028
	Initiation and engagement of alcohol and other drug dependence treatment	Adults	Substance Abuse	0004

# School-based healthcare two-tiered participation model

Targeting

Pages that follow are specific to Enhanced model

School-based health interventions can have both health and academic benefits for all Ohio students and families

Any school and care provider that wants to form a SBHC partnership will receive a school support toolkit to facilitate program startup and implementation

Schools identified as having the greatest need will also receive additional technical and financial support in addition to the school support toolkit

## A Baseline SBHC – for any school and care provider

- | School activities  | School support  | Care provider activities  | Care provider supports  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secure parental consent</li><li>Inform parents of SBHC partnership</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Access to SBHC toolkit (includes consent forms, data-sharing agreements, etc)<sup>1</sup></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reserve slots for SBHC appointments</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Traditional Medicaid payments (plus additional payments for primary care practices enrolled in the Ohio Comprehensive Primary Care program)</li></ul> |

## B Enhanced SBHC – for schools with greatest need

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secure parental consent</li><li>Inform parents of SBHC partnership</li><li>Facilitate appointments</li><li>Provide physical space or transport to care provider offices</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Access to SBHC Toolkit</li><li>Direct technical assistance (including support accessing different funding options)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reserve slots for SBHC appointments</li><li>Potentially set up satellite clinic at schools</li><li>Enroll in Comprehensive Primary Care program</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Comprehensive Primary Care program benefits</li><li>Recognition for treating underserved areas</li><li>Potentially increased per member per month (PMPM) payments</li></ul> |
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<sup>1</sup> Complete list of toolkit materials found in appendix

## Schools can be prioritized based on student need and readiness for implementing an SBHC model

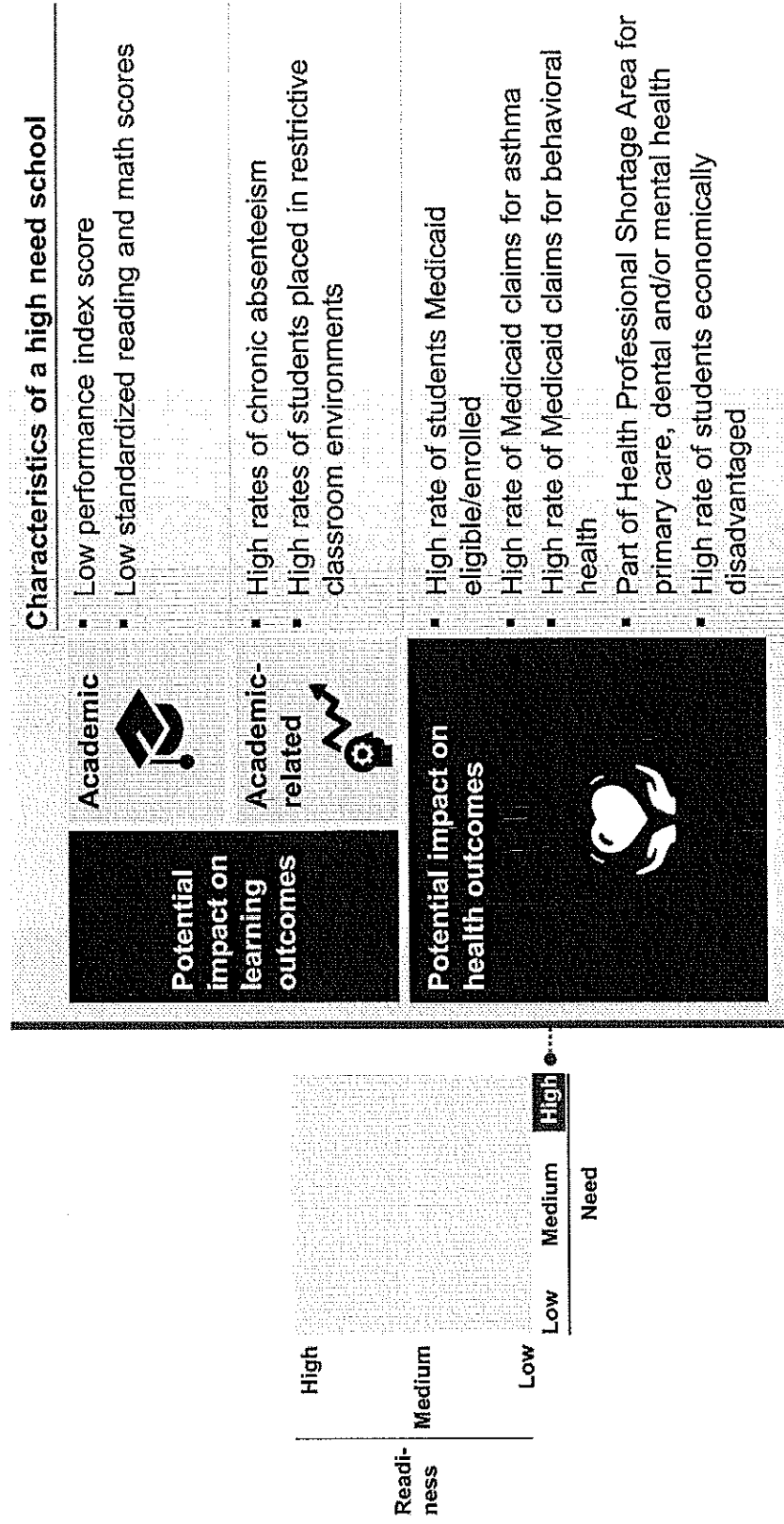
### Priority school matrix – based on fit for enhanced SBHC and support provided

Readiness To what extent can the school acquire the people, partnerships, space and funding to support SBHC?	High	Medium	Low
	High	Medium	Low
Best fit for early adopter phase			

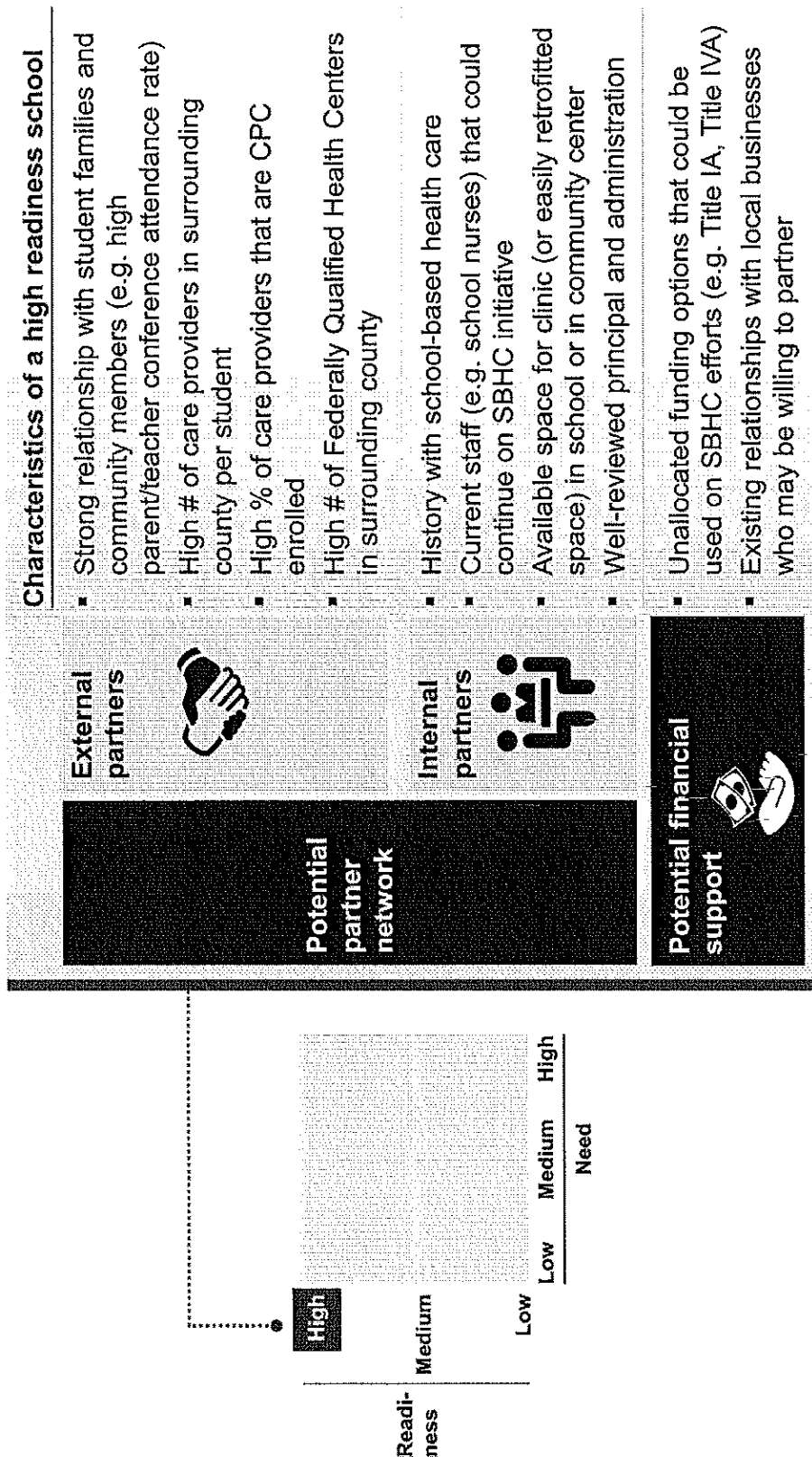
#### Need

Do our students have prominent health and academic challenges and can we sufficiently treat their health issues?

# We will assess schools' level of need by analyzing the extent of possible impact on academic and health outcomes



# We will assess schools' level of readiness by analyzing how easily SBHC could function with feasible school resources





## Discussion

*Preliminary pre-decisional working draft; subject to change*

Targeting

What are your initial reactions to how we have proposed to target schools?

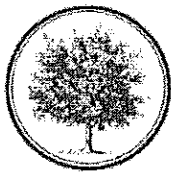
## Next steps

- **This week:** A follow-up survey will be distributed to capture further feedback from today's call
- **February 28:** Next SBHC Workgroup Call, focusing on possible SBHC care delivery models
- **March 14:** Next SBHC Workgroup in-person session, focusing on overall SBHC roll-out plan, timeline, and key roles for various stakeholders

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### **New Reason Foundation Study Offers Another Reason to Keep Capital Budget Focused on Infrastructure**

**By Greg R. Lawson**  
**February 16, 2018**

A newly-released report from the Reason Foundation, reinforces the need for state policymakers to keep the soon-to-be-released capital budget focused on repairing and building Ohio's physical infrastructure. Something The Buckeye Institute recently called for in our own report, *Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans*.

The Reason Foundation's 23rd Annual Highway Report found that **Ohio ranked** 26th in the nation in highway performance and cost-effectiveness. Not a great ranking for the country's seventh largest state with the ninth largest highway system.

And when you get into the details, the rankings don't get much better. Ohio ranked:

- 20th in deficient bridges;

- 27th in urban Interstate pavement condition;
- 23rd in urbanized area congestion;
- 28th in rural Interstate pavement condition; and
- 17th in rural arterial pavement condition.

The good news is state policymakers have an opportunity to address this problem and can do so without having to spend vast amounts of additional dollars.

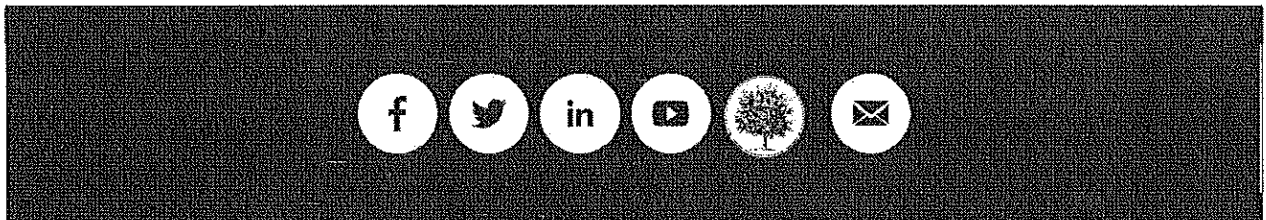
By re-focusing the portion of the capital budget typically spent on pork projects and instead spending it on repairing Ohio's roads and bridges we can begin to reverse these lackluster rankings. That will put Ohio, and Ohioans, back in the fast lane.

*Greg R. Lawson is the research fellow at The Buckeye Institute.*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Janine Boyd and Representative Kristin Boggs  
**DATE:** February 5, 2018  
**RE:** Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

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We will soon introduce legislation to create the Ohio Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Today we chose to send this co-sponsor request as this date marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act). This legislation will provide 12 weeks of

family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. So far five states—California, New Jersey, New York, Hawaii and Rhode Island offer some sort of paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

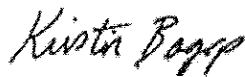
An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Dominic Paretti, at 614-644-5079 or via email at [Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov) and Serena Finlay, 614-466-1896 or via email at [Serena.Finlay@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Serena.Finlay@OhioHouse.Gov). **The deadline to co-sponsor is Friday, March 9 at 4:00pm.**



**Janine Boyd**  
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**Kristin Boggs**  
**State Representative, Ohio House District 18**



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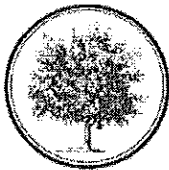
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### **The Buckeye Institute Testifies on the Negative Impacts of Tax Exemptions**

*Greg Lawson Testifies Before Ohio House Ways and Means Committee on House Bill 337*

**Columbus, OH -- The Buckeye Institute's** Greg R. Lawson testified today (see full text below or **download a PDF**) before the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee, highlighting the ways that tax credits and exemptions cost Ohio and Ohioans money, and how they complicate the state's tax code making it more difficult for taxpayers to fill-out their returns.

After outlining how the **Ohio Department of Taxation** defines a tax expenditure, Lawson stated Buckeye's long-held position on these types of exemptions saying, "The Buckeye Institute has long opposed most tax expenditures, including credits and exemptions, because of their adverse impacts on taxpayers and the level playing field on which a free market depends."

Citing research from the **Tax Foundation**, Lawson went on to highlight the particular problem exemptions place on counties located on Ohio's borders. "Adopting too many sales tax exceptions risks forcing some counties to raise their tax rates, which will in turn make them less competitive...and higher rates could prove an even greater competitive disadvantage for counties along our borders."

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**Interested Party Testimony on House Bill 337  
Before the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee**

**Greg R. Lawson, Research Fellow  
The Buckeye Institute  
February 20, 2018**

Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Scherer, Ranking Member Rogers, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today regarding House Bill 337 and Ohio's tax policy.

My name is Greg R. Lawson. I am the research fellow at **The Buckeye Institute**, a free-market think tank here in Columbus that advocates for low-tax, low-regulation policies that remove barriers to prosperity for Ohioans.

According to the Ohio Department of Taxation, a tax expenditure is any tax policy that has the following four characteristics:[1]

- The item reduces, or has the potential to reduce, one of the state's General Revenue Fund taxes;
- The item would have been part of the defined base;
- The item is not subject to an alternative tax; and
- The item is subject to change by state legislative action.

The Buckeye Institute has long opposed most tax expenditures, including credits and exemptions, because of their adverse impacts on taxpayers and the level playing field on which a free market depends.

As exceptions to the tax code, tax expenditures effectively narrow the tax base. The narrower the tax base the higher and more confiscatory taxes become for those still subject to the tax. Thus, tax expenditures, however unintentionally or well-intended, eventually pick economic winners and losers through their preferential treatment under the law.

Flatter taxes, by contrast, levied on broader bases and without special exemptions, lower the tax burden and spread the cost of the tax more evenly and fairly among taxpayers.

Additionally, adopting too many sales tax exceptions risks forcing some counties to raise their tax rates, which will in turn make them less competitive. According to the Tax Foundation, Ohio already has the highest average combined state and local sales tax rate among its neighbors, and higher rates could prove an even greater competitive disadvantage for counties along our borders.[2]

Tax policies that may put more of our counties at a greater disadvantage is not sound tax policy for Ohio.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions that the Committee may have at this time.

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[1] State of Ohio, **Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Tax Expenditure Report**, Office of Budget and Management, November 25, 2016.

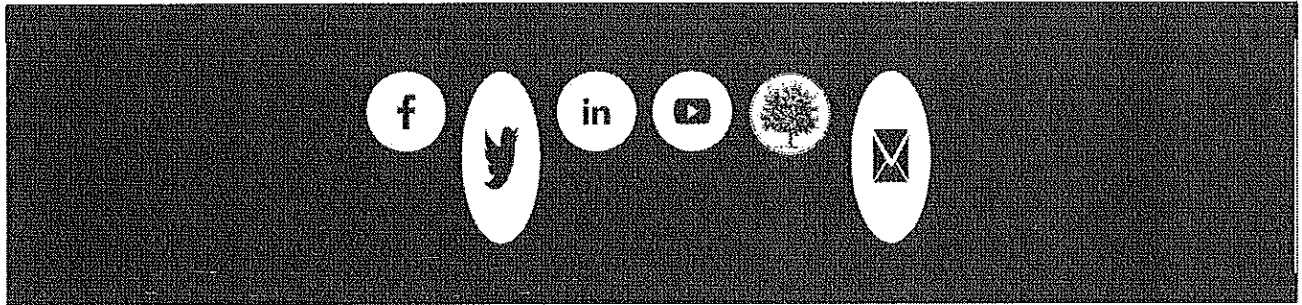
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[2] Jared Walczak and Scott Drenkard, **State and Local Sales Tax Rates 2018**, The Tax Foundation, February 2018.

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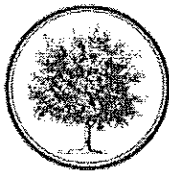
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### **The Buckeye Institute's Rea Hederman Praises Initial Steps in Waiver Process, Says More Needs to be Done**

**Columbus, OH --** On Friday, the Ohio Department of Insurance and the Ohio Department of Medicaid kicked-off the public comment period for two Medicaid waivers that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Rea S. Hederman Jr., who is executive director of the Economic Research Center at **The Buckeye Institute**, vice president of policy, and a nationally recognized expert on health care policy, and the author of *Returning Health Care Power to the States: The Affordable Care Act's Section 1332 Waiver for State Innovation*, issued the following statement.

"Last week, the state of Ohio took the initial step towards improving health care for Ohioans, ensuring that Medicaid is available to the neediest and is sustainable for future generations.

"In requesting a waiver that will include a work or community engagement requirement for healthy adults, Ohio will bring its Medicaid program in-line with other federal-state welfare programs that **already require beneficiaries to work** or engage in work-related activities. The new waiver signals that healthy adults need to work, volunteer, or attend school in order to receive their Medicaid benefits. This is a good step forward, but more reforms are needed such as cost sharing provisions like premiums, health savings accounts, a limitation on retroactive eligibility, and other tools that prepare and help Medicaid recipients transition to private health care coverage.

"Many of these policies are contained in the Healthy Ohio program that the General Assembly has long sought but was vetoed in the last budget. While the Ohio House of Representatives has overridden that veto, the Senate must still act in order to move the program forward.

"The second waiver follows through on an **idea that was initially developed and championed by The Buckeye Institute**, which is using a 1332 state innovation waiver to exempt Ohio from the individual mandate. This innovation waiver should be easily approved by the federal government, since the current mandate penalty has been eliminated by Congress. Through this waiver, Ohioans will be protected from the individual mandate tax for the next five years, even if Congress reinstates the mandate penalty. Like the Medicaid waiver, this innovation waiver is only one step on the road to a better health care system.

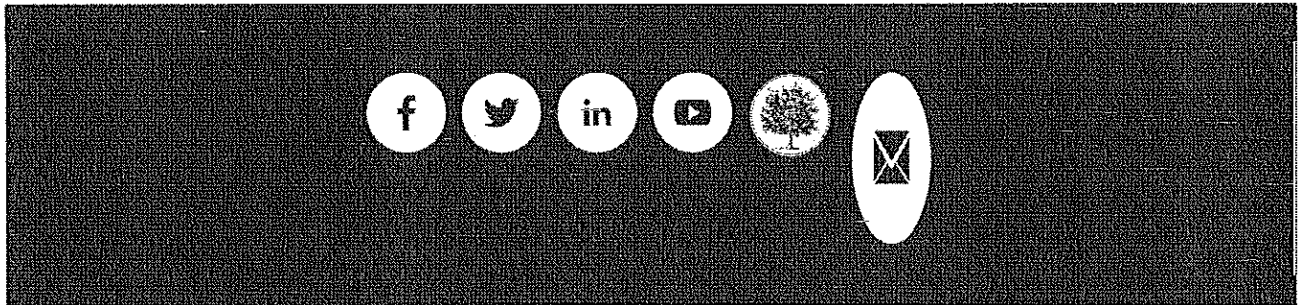
"Over the past year, the Trump Administration has promised flexibility in working with the states, and they have started to deliver. It is smart policy for Ohio to seize this opportunity but more is needed to fix both Medicaid and the insurance markets and ensure they work for Ohioans."

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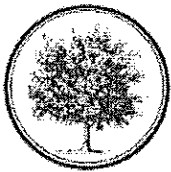
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### Montgomery County Provides More Evidence that Ohio Needs Bail Reform

By **Daniel J. Dew**  
February 21, 2018

Ohio's cash bail system remains broken. Just ask **Markcus Brown**, the man locked-up for nine days because he did not meet the RTA's dress code and he could not afford bail after his arrest for "trespassing" at the bus station. Mr. Brown's case is another stark reminder that the cash bail status quo does a remarkably poor job of determining which defendants should be released before trial and which should wait in jail.

Aware of the bail system's shortcomings, the Montgomery County Commissioners recently **studied the bail practices** of the county's Court of Common Pleas and its municipal courts. The study found that from 2014 to 2017, defendants in the Montgomery County municipal courts on supervised release appeared for court 20 percent more often than those out on cash bail. Similarly, in the county's Court of Common Pleas, defendants released using cash bail were nearly twice as likely to skip



court as those released without any financial conditions, and defendants released with supervision performed comparably to those out on bail.

The Montgomery County study provides more compelling evidence that cash bail has little-if any-real correlation to defendants appearing for their court dates. Instead, the study found that even though bail did not improve court appearance rates, the Court of Common Pleas had an overall appearance rate 26 percent higher due in part to its use of the **Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS)**.

The ORAS gives judges additional information about pre-trial defendants, helping them make a more accurate assessment of each defendant's flight-risk and the potential threat that he or she poses to the community. Not surprisingly, after using the ORAS tools, the Montgomery Court of Common Pleas had a nearly 19 percent higher appearance rate for those released on bail, and a 42 percent higher appearance rate for those released on their own recognizance.

Unfortunately, Montgomery County municipal courts do not use risk-assessment tools and must instead rely on the limited information found in the case file or a ham-fisted bail schedule that crudely monetizes each alleged offense. Thus, municipal judges remain at a pre-trial disadvantage-and their communities and defendants continue to suffer for it.

The special interests in favor of preserving cash bail's faulty status quo contend that pre-trial risk-assessment tools are subjective and time-intensive-ignoring the tools used in places like Ohio's own Lucas County, for example, that have achieved better results using fewer than 10 objective data points such as prior failures to appear, convictions for violence, and age.

**Lucas County** courts have achieved remarkable results using the **Public Safety Assessment (PSA)** tool developed by the **Laura and John Arnold Foundation**. Since implementing the nine-factor assessment tool, crime in Lucas County committed by defendants awaiting trial has been cut in half and more defendants show-up for court, even as the number of defendants released without bail has doubled.

Montgomery County's careful study adds to the growing body of scientific evidence that risk-assessment tools work, while the traditional cash bail system does little to ensure a defendant's appearance for trial. The county commissioners were right to take a hard, honest look at the systems and tools that judges must rely on to decide who poses a

flight-risk, who may endanger the community, and who can be trusted to do no harm and return for trial. Cash alone cannot and does not accurately answer these questions.

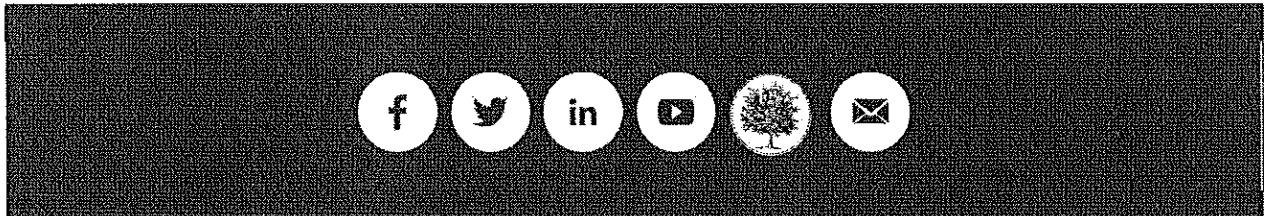
Justice and public safety demand that Ohio and more of our local communities follow the examples of Montgomery and Lucas counties, and begin to give their judges the right kinds of tools for the job.

*Daniel J. Dew is a legal fellow with The Buckeye Institute's Legal Center and the author of "Money Bail": Making Ohio a More Dangerous Place to Live.*

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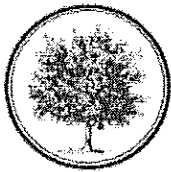
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### **The Buckeye Institute's Greg Lawson: Court Ruling Allows Ohio Small Businesses to Focus on Growing and Creating Jobs**

**Columbus, OH** - Greg R. Lawson, research fellow at **The Buckeye Institute**, issued the following statement regarding Franklin County Judge David Cain's decision to uphold a provision in Ohio's budget that allows the state to collect municipal business-profit taxes from cities, counties, and villages.

"The **decision** by Franklin County Judge David Cain to uphold an Ohio law that allows businesses, that must file tax returns in multiple jurisdictions, to voluntarily consolidate their filings through the state is an important step in reforming our broken tax system.

"**The Buckeye Institute**, along with national organizations such as the **Tax Foundation**, have long called for Ohio to fix its byzantine municipal income-tax system, which is one of

the most complicated and unfair systems in the nation, and continues to be a significant obstacle to Ohio's economic growth.

"The reform, passed in the most recent **biennial budget**, is a solid step towards fixing our tax code and it is disappointing that many local officials would rather sue the state than repair a system that harms Ohio's small business owners who don't have the money to hire high priced accountants.

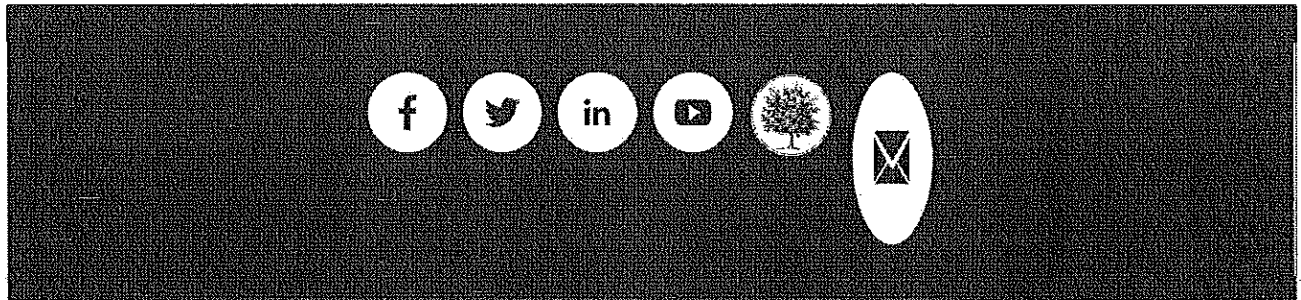
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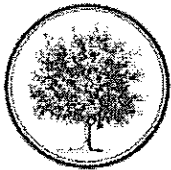
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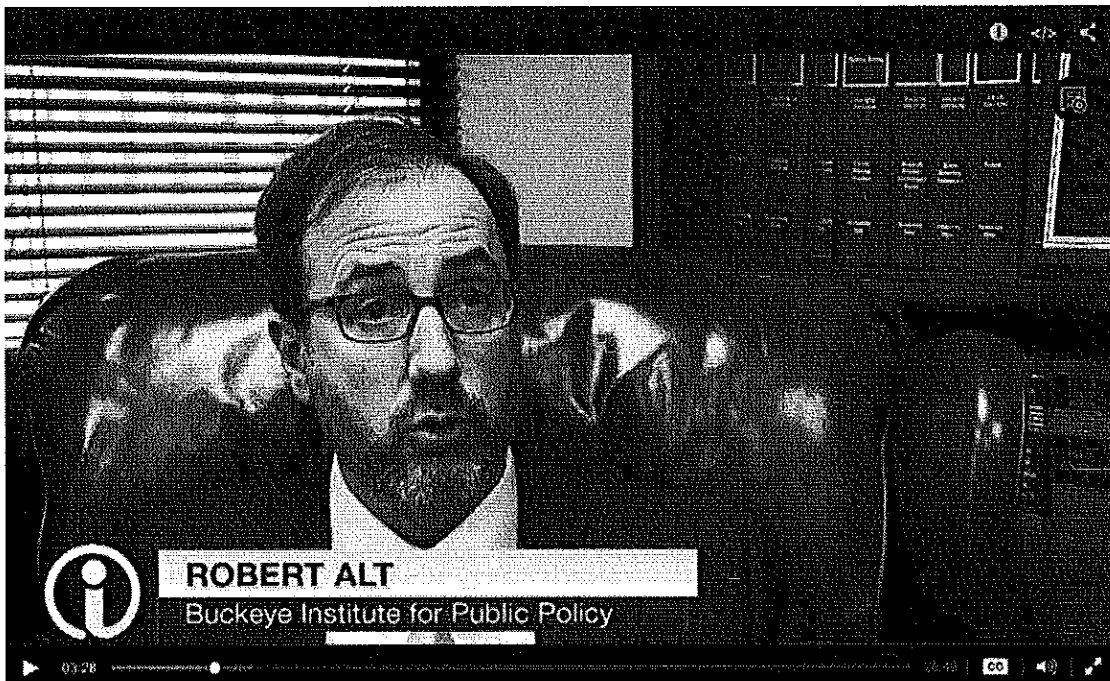
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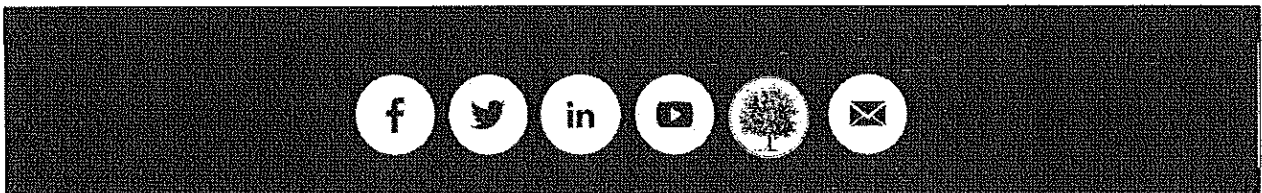
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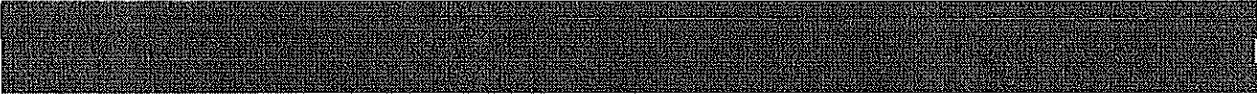
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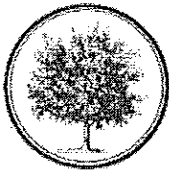
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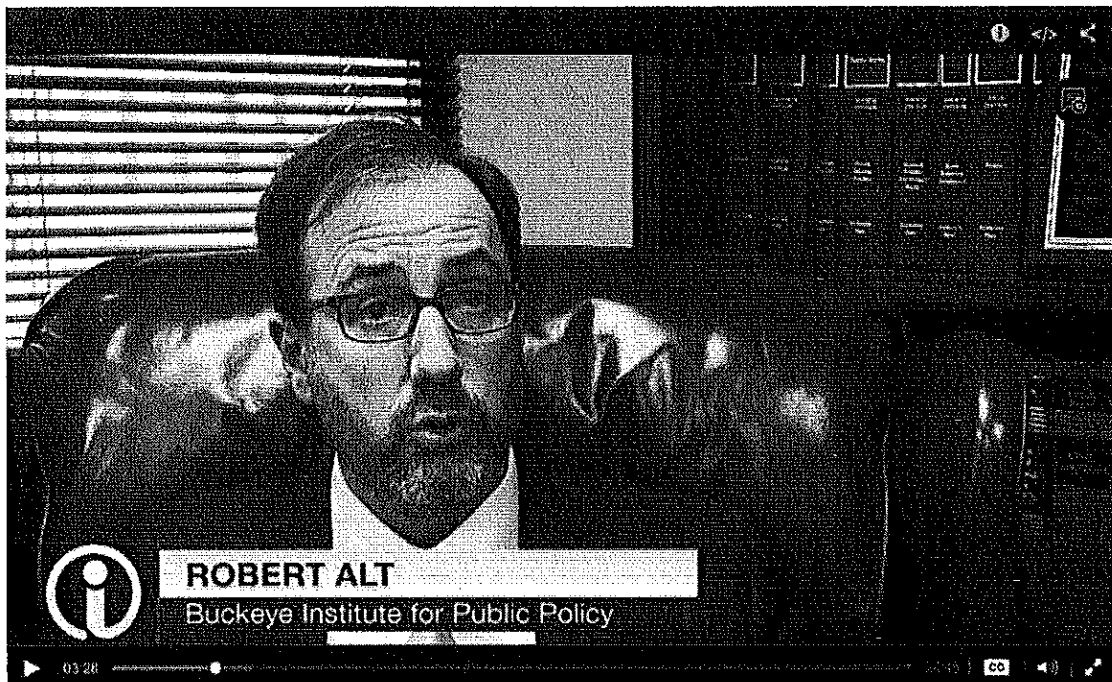
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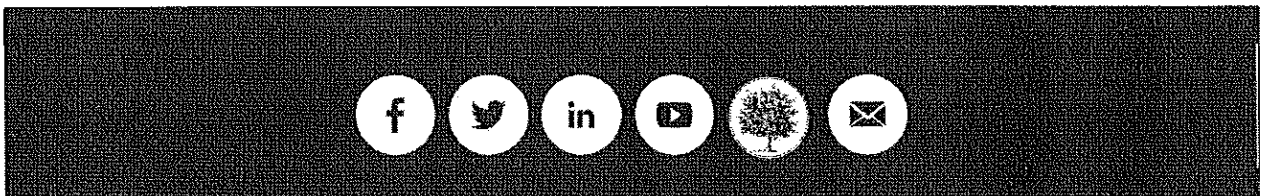
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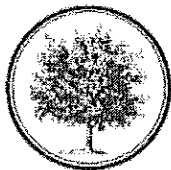
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